

HAMILTON PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

DENTAL SCREENING



Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Dental program from the Hamilton Public Health Unit will be coming to your child's school for dental screening.

WHO?

- **All students in JK, SK, and Grade 2** will be screened. In addition, Grades 4 and 7 may be screened at some schools. Students previously identified with an urgent dental need may be rescreened.
- If you do not want your child to participate in the dental screening program, please send a note to the school office.

WHAT?

- The dental screening is a quick look in the mouth. It is done by a Registered Dental Hygienist. A separate, sterilized dental mirror is used for each child.
- If your child has an urgent dental need or would benefit from other dental services, we will contact you by phone and / or mail. This is part of the dental screening follow-up process.
- A school screening **does not** replace a visit with your family dentist.

WHY?

- To find children who need to see a dentist.
- To offer support for children who cannot afford dental services.
- This is a mandatory program under the Health Protection & Promotion Act, and the Ontario Public Health Standards.

IMPORTANT:
If your child is not in one of the grades listed, but you would like them to be screened, please send a note to the school office

For more information, please call the Hamilton Public Health Community Dental Program at 905-546-2424 EXT 5369, or visit Hamilton.ca/SchoolDentalScreening