



City Of Hamilton
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School Dental Screening

Dear Parent/Guardian:

City of Hamilton Public Health Services Community Dental Team will be at your child's school to carry out the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) *Oral Health Protocol 2018 (dental screening)* in selected grades. The screening will include all students in **Kindergarten year one and two, and grade 2**. Children in other grades who were previously identified with dental needs may be re-screened. Screening identifies children who may qualify for one or more public health dental programs. The oral health information collected is used in planning and delivering children's dental programs in the city and the province. This information is collected as required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, Ontario Public Health Standards (2018).

To conduct the oral health screening, a Registered Dental Hygienist will use a light and a separate, sterilized mirror to look in the mouth of each child. We meet standards of infection control set out by the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, Public Health Ontario and the MOHLTC. This dental screening does not replace an examination done in a dental office, and your child should continue to have regular dental checkups.

We will notify you of your child's screening results and if your child is eligible for free dental services.

If you have any concerns or wish to withdraw your child from the dental screening, please send a note to the school with the child's name and grade.

If you have other children in the school that are not included in the program and you wish to have them screened, please send a note to the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

City of Hamilton, Public Health Services
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If you have questions call 905-546-2424 Ext. 5369 or visit our website
www.hamilton.ca/dental