



City of Hamilton
Public Health Services – Healthy Families
Community Dental Program
110 King Street West, 3rd Floor
Hamilton, ON L8P 4S6
Phone: 905.546.2424 Ext. 5369 Fax: 905.546.3007

October 2023

Dear Principal/Vice-Principal & Staff,

This school year, Hamilton Public Health Services is excited to again provide oral health screenings in select grades at all Hamilton schools as part of the Ontario Public Health Standards, 2021. We look forward to another year of successful partnership with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, helping children access dental care.

We will begin the oral health screenings the week of October 30, 2023. The oral health screening helps to identify children in need of dental treatment and connects those eligible with free dental services under the Healthy Smiles Ontario Program.

Public Health Registered Dental Hygienists will be reaching out to schools to book a screening date. Letters will be provided to each school 2 weeks in advance of the screening date to be disseminated to families informing them of the screening process. A digital communication package will also be provided to each school with social media/website graphics, an announcement script, a newsletter insert, a parent FAQ and a checklist for school staff.

On the day of screening, each child screened will be provided with a sealed, confidential stamped brochure and a toothbrush. The brochure includes their screening results, information about the Healthy Smiles Program, and the direct contact information for the screening Dental Hygienist.

As in previous years, contact information for some students may be confirmed with the school to ensure the screening Dental Hygienist is able to follow up with the parent/guardian of children who have been identified as having an urgent dental need.

Your continued support is always appreciated, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Pat Armstrong RDH, B. Ed., M.A.
Manager-Dental Services and Vision Screening
City of Hamilton Public Health Services-Healthy Families