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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 (MOH) *Oral Health Protocol 2021 (dental screening)* in selected grades. The screening will include all students in **Kindergarten year one (JK) and two (SK), 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, and the Ontario Public Health Standards (2021).

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 College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario, Public Health Ontario and the MOH. 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 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.**

If you have any concerns or questions related to the screening process, please visit our website at [www.hamilton.ca/schooldentalscreening](http://www.hamilton.ca/schooldentalscreening). If you wish to withdraw your child from the dental screening, please send a note to the school with the child's name and grade.

Yours Sincerely,

City of Hamilton, Public Health Services  
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