



Hamilton

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City of Hamilton
Public Health Services – Healthy Families
Healthy and Safe Communities
Vision Screening Program
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Child Vision Screening

Dear Parent/Guardian:

McMaster Pediatric Eye Research Group, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, will be at your child's school to carry out the *Child Visual Health and Vision Screening Protocol, 2018* as mandated by the Ministry of Health (MOH). The screening will include all students in **Kindergarten year two (Senior Kindergarten)**. The visual health information collected will be used to identify children who may have risk factors for vision disorders. This information is collected as required by the Child Visual Health and Vision Screening Protocol, 2018, under the authority of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act, RSO 1990*.

To conduct the vision screening, a trained screener will use three separate vision tests, as required by the MOH. These tests are non-invasive. They include:

- Vision chart (child identifies a letter on flip chart),
- 3D vision test (child identifies which picture is further forward in book), and
- Handheld device that automatically checks for near or far-sightedness.

We will notify you if there may be issues with your child's vision.

This vision screening does not replace a comprehensive eye exam, and your child should continue to have annual eye exams completed by an optometrist. McMaster Pediatric Eye Research Group meets the standards of infection control set out by Public Health Ontario, and the MOH.

If you have any concerns or wish to withdraw your child from the vision screening, please send a note to the school with the child's name and grade within the next 5 business days.

If you have questions about the vision screening program, please contact Hamilton Public Health Services at 905-546-2424 ext. 5369.

Yours Sincerely,

Pat Armstrong
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