

# 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.



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**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](https://hamilton.ca/SchoolDentalScreening)