

Dental Screening



Dental screenings are done by a registered dental hygienist!



- To keep your child healthy by identifying dental needs and letting you know
- Link eligible youth to **FREE** dental services through the [Healthy Smiles Ontario](#) program. Dental screenings are performed in keeping with the Public Health Standards under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.



- All students will be screened
- Students previously identified with urgent dental concerns

IMPORTANT: Please contact us EACH year if you DO NOT want your child(ren) to participate in the dental screening by phone at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7962 or complete our [online School Dental Screening Non-Participation Form](#).



- Dental screenings consist of a quick look in the mouth using a sterilized dental mirror for each child
- If your child is wearing a mask, they will only remove their mask 20 - 30 seconds
- This screening does not replace your child's regular visits with a dentist
- You will be notified by letter if your child needs urgent dental care or preventive dental services (cleanings, dental sealants or fluoride varnish)



- Most dental screenings are done at your child's school. Dental screenings can also be scheduled at [one of Public Health's dental clinics](#).

If your child switches schools during the school year, it is your responsibility to notify us.

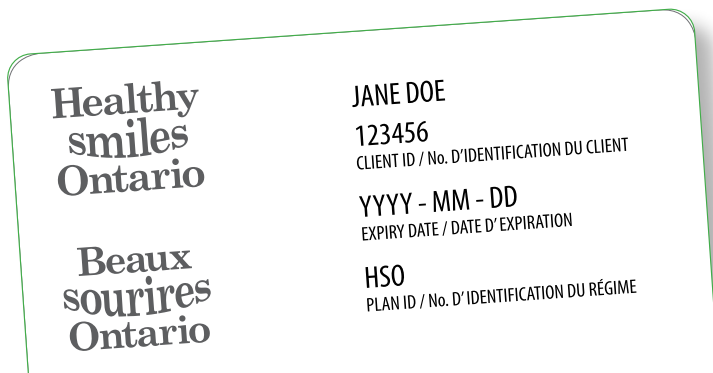
Watch our dental screening in schools video!

To learn more about dental screenings in school, **please watch our video** at niagararegion.ca/health search "dental."



During all dental screenings, our dental team will be wearing masks, eye protection and gloves like in the picture to the right. →

If your child has a dental problem (cavities, pain or infection), **please contact the Dental Program** to make an appointment. You do not have to wait for the school screening visit.



Do you have this card?

If yes, this card gives your child **FREE** dental care! Please call your dental office or **Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program** 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or [live chat us!](#)



DID YOU KNOW? Fluoride is not added to Niagara's drinking water. Public Health recommends [fluoride treatment](#) to help reduce the risk of cavities in children.

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