

KFL&A Public Health Dental Screening

During the school year a dental hygienist and dental assistant from KFL&A Public Health will visit all elementary schools. They visit the schools for two reasons. First, they will screen children in selected grades to identify dental problems that need to be seen by a dentist and to screen a few children who had dental concerns last year. The screening is a quick look into the mouth with a sterilized mouth mirror. Each child who is screened will be given a card to take home indicating the dental screening findings. Funding for necessary dental treatment may be provided to eligible children through the Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) program. In cases where treatment is needed, Public Health will keep a client record and may tell the dental office what was found.

Secondly, the dental screening helps us to monitor the oral health of children in this region. The monitoring allows KFL&A Public Health to identify the prevalence of dental disease and any new trends in dental disease. The information is used to plan programs and services that best meet the needs of children in our communities. Therefore, even if your child sees a dentist regularly, it is important that they have their teeth screened so that they are included in our monitoring of dental disease.

Ontario Regulation 688/00, made under Health Protection and Promotion Act, requires yearly dental screenings in all elementary schools. If you do not want your child to be screened this school year, please tell us in writing. This letter must include your child's full name, school and grade.

Mail the letter to:
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