



Dental Screening

What is Dental Screening?

Dental screening is a quick look in a child's mouth to see if there are any problems with their teeth or gums.

How is it done?

It is done by a Registered Dental Hygienist who uses a sterilized dental mirror.

The children are encouraged to feel comfortable in a relaxed setting.

Parents are notified if a dental concern has been identified.

Why are Dental Screenings done?

Dental screenings are done because dental disease is one of the most common childhood diseases. These diseases may affect many daily functions for a child, including their ability to:

- learn
- talk
- smile
- chew



The Dental Health program will send a dental health report card home with every child. It will notify parents if their child was screened and if the following are identified:

- An urgent dental condition, like a large cavity or infection.
- A non urgent dental condition, like a small cavity starting.
- An eligibility for preventive services, like a cleaning, fluoride or sealants.

We will follow up with families whose children have urgent conditions.

For those who qualify, they may be able to access free dental

services to ensure their children receive the needed dental care. The programs include Healthy Smiles Ontario Core Service Stream and Emergency and Essential Services Stream (EESS) along with our Preventive Services stream. We also offer Free Preventive Dental Clinics at various Health Unit and community locations for children.

What if we have Dental Insurance?

It is still important to participate because problems can arise between dental visits that may lead to pain or infection if they go undetected.

For more information please feel free to contact a member of the Dental Health program in Haldimand County at 905-318-6623 Ext. 3293 or in Norfolk County at 519-426-6170/519-582-3579 Ext. 3293



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