



Region of Waterloo
PUBLIC HEALTH AND
EMERGENCY SERVICES

Free dental screening coming to your school

Why? Teeth are important. We link eligible children and youth to free dental treatment programs. Dental screenings are performed in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

What? Dental screenings are a visual check done by a Registered Dental Hygienist using a sterilized mouth mirror for each child. This does not replace your child's regular dental examination with a dentist. Following the dental screening, you will receive a letter stating your child has been screened and the results.

Where? Dental screenings are done at your child's school but can also be scheduled at one of our dental clinics. Please call 519-575-4400 ext. 3086

Who? JK, SK, Grades 2, 3, 4 and 7

All students in the school on our scheduled date(s) will be screened.

Important: Please contact the Public Health dental program if you do not want your child screened.

Use the following link www.regionofwaterloo.ca/dentalopting or call **519-575-4400 ext. 5010**. Please provide your child's name, the school they attend and grade and classroom number. Parents must notify the Public Health dental program each year if they do not want their children to participate in the dental screening program.

Please note: The registered dental hygienists performing dental screenings in your school will follow the most current infection prevention and control guidelines as outlined by the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario and Public Health Ontario.

Important: Personal health information collected through the dental screening program is under the authority of the Health Protection and Promotion Act in accordance with the Personal Health Information Protection Act. For more information about Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services information practices, refer to www.regionofwaterloo.ca/personalhealthprivacy



Public Health dental services

HSO (Healthy Smiles Ontario)

- Children age 17 and under and are a resident of Ontario and members of a household that meets the income eligibility requirements (www.ontario.ca/healthysmiles) for income threshold
- **NOTE:** Children 17 and under are automatically enrolled in HSO when they or their family receive: Ontario Works, Temporary Care Assistance, Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities or the Ontario Disability Support Program
- Children with other dental insurance coverage are no longer automatically excluded
- Basic dental care, urgent and emergency oral health issues are also covered
- **TO ENROLL:** www.ontario.ca/healthysmiles or call Service Ontario INFOLine toll-free at 1-844-296-6303 (TTY toll-free at 1-800-387-5559) or call Region of Waterloo Public Health 519-575-4400 ext. 5010

Region of Waterloo Public Health Children's Dental Clinic

- Waterloo Region children age 17 and under whose family meets the income thresholds for financial eligibility. **Application online:** [Region of Waterloo Income Assessment Form](#)
- Basic dental care including preventive oral health services
- For more information, call 519-575-4400 ext. 3086 for the Waterloo Clinic 519-575-4400 ext. 3088 for the Cambridge Clinic

First dental visit by first birthday

- Waterloo Region babies near their first birthday. There is no eligibility required
- FREE first baby dental visit for all families.
- Visual check of baby's mouth and conversation on how to reduce the risk of decay in your child's mouth
- Receive a toothbrush and a lesson on how to brush your child's teeth
- www.regionofwaterloo.ca/dentalhealth

Alternate formats of this document are available upon request.