

Southwestern Public Health

Oral Health School Screening

IMPORTANT: If your child is not in JK, SK, Grade 1 or Grade 2 but you would like them to be screened when Public Health is at your school, please send a letter or note to your child's teacher.

If your child is in JK, SK, Grade 1 or Grade 2 and you **do not** want your child to be included in the Public Health dental screening, please send a letter or note to your child's teacher.

NOTE: If your child has an oral health problem (cavities, pain or infection), please call Southwestern Public Health to make an appointment. You don't have to wait for the school screening visit.

WHO?

- Students in JK, SK, Grade 1 and Grade 2 (with additional grades possible)
- Any additional student by parent request

WHAT?

- Oral health screenings by Registered Dental Hygienists.
- Oral health screenings are visual assessments only and do not replace your child's regular dental examination with a dentist.
- Oral health staff wear appropriate personal protective equipment while performing oral health screenings with students.
- You will be notified by telephone or mail if your child requires urgent dental care or a preventive service.



WHERE?

- Most screenings are done in school but can also be booked at Southwestern Public Health.

WHY?

- We link eligible children to **FREE** oral health treatment programs. Our oral health staff perform screenings in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Mandatory Health Programs, under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

Community Dental Services

Toll-free 1.800.922.0096
dental@swpublichealth.ca

Personal information and dental screening results are collected under the authority of the Health Protection and Promotion Act and applicable privacy legislation. The information will be used for delivery of public health programs and services and may be used for evaluation or statistical/research purposes. Any questions about the collection of this information should be directed to:

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519-631-9900 | E-mail: privacy@swpublichealth.ca

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