



**Durham Region Health Department**



# **Dental Health School Screening**

**Dental screenings are done every year in elementary schools. Here is some helpful information about the program.**

## **Why screen?**

- ☺ Teeth are important! We assist eligible children and youth to access FREE dental treatment programs
- ☺ Dental screening is mandated by the Ontario Public Health Standards

## **Who will be screened?**

- ☺ All students in JK, SK, Grade 2 and special education classes
- ☺ Any student previously identified as having an urgent need
- ☺ Any additional student by parent/guardian request
- ☺ Children identified with an urgent need may have additional screenings throughout the year

## **What happens at the screening?**

- ☺ Dental screening is a visual assessment. It does not replace your child's regular dental examination
- ☺ Sterilized mouth mirrors are used for each student
- ☺ Screening results will be sent home with your child



## **Where does screening occur?**

- ☺ Dental screenings are done at your child's school
- ☺ Screenings can also be scheduled from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. at our dental clinic in the Whitby Mall, 1615 Dundas St. East, Suite\_210

If you wish to have your child excluded from the dental screening or if your child is not in one of the grades listed and you would like him/her to participate, please contact the Oral Health Division at 905-723-1365 or 1-866-853-1326 ext. 4570 or email at [dentalscreening@durham.ca](mailto:dentalscreening@durham.ca)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Exclusion and inclusion requests will not be carried over to the next school year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's oral health, you can call our dental clinic. Our community dental health programs are designed to support and encourage your efforts to provide the best dental health for your children.

**For more information please call Durham Region Oral Health Division at**

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If you require this information in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-841-2729.