



Good oral health is important to the overall health of children and youth. It affects their ability to eat, learn and socialize.

Dear Parent or Guardian,

A Registered Dental Hygienist from Hastings Prince Edward Public Health was at your child's school for the dental screening program and the report inside explains what they saw. This quick check of your child's teeth should not replace a regular visit to your dentist.

For more information:

Phone: 613-966-5500 Toll-free: 1-800-267-2803

TTY: 711 or 1-800-267-6511



www.hpepublichealth.ca

FREE Oral Health Clinics

For children 0-17 years of age
(by appointment only)

Belleville

Bancroft

Trenton

Picton

Tweed



To book an appointment for any of the above clinics, please call:

Hastings Prince Edward Public Health

613-966-5500 or toll-free: 1-800-267-2803 ext. 680

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Need help paying for the dentist?

Healthy Smiles Ontario covers **regular check-ups, preventive care and treatment** for eligible children 17 and under. Prevent oral health problems before they start!

- Visit hpepublichealth.ca/healthy-living/oral-health
- Call 613-966-5500 ext. 680

Name: _____

Date: _____



No care required.



Your child needs to see a dentist as soon as possible because of:

- Pain: something is hurting in your child's mouth
- Infection: there is swelling/abscess or infected gums
- Cavity: there is breakdown of the tooth structure
- Other: _____
- Public Health Staff are required to follow-up on children in need of urgent treatment. Please complete and return the enclosed Healthy Smiles Ontario Parent Notification Form.



Your child has an area of concern that might need treatment.

- If your child has not seen a dentist recently, please call your dental office.



Your child may benefit from preventive services:

- Fluoride application: helps to prevent and control tooth cavities
- Sealant(s): plastic coatings that are placed in the grooves and pits of teeth to help prevent cavities
- Scaling: professional cleaning involves the removal of tartar to clean teeth and help prevent gum disease
- Oral Hygiene Instruction: tooth brushing, flossing and healthy snacking lesson
- Interim Stabilization Therapy (IST): temporary fillings used to prevent further damage to a tooth until child can be seen by a dentist; IST requires no needles and is painless

See reverse to book [free-of-charge preventive services](#).