

Messages to Inform Parents about School Dental Screening

Schools will need to notify parents of the upcoming school dental screening at least **two weeks prior** to the confirmed screening date(s), as required by the Ontario Ministry of Health. Below you will find messages the school can use to inform parents of the upcoming school dental screening. We suggest using multiple methods (at least 2 methods **including Communicate**). Please **send the below Communicate message two weeks prior to the screening date(s)** along with messages for your newsletter, website, email, Facebook and/or Twitter.

Communicate Message (for all grades being screened)

“Peel Public Health is providing free dental screening, as required by the Ontario Ministry of Health, for students in **Grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6, 8** on **March 21, 22, 25, 2024**. Please note that dental screening may be completed earlier than the expected end date. A dental screening is a quick assessment by a registered dental hygienist who will take a look inside your child's mouth. A separate, sterilized mouth mirror is used for each child. It identifies children who may be in need of dental care. After the dental screening, a form with the results will go home with every child screened. If a child is identified with a dental condition requiring immediate dental treatment, the parent may be contacted by a dental staff member. A re-screening may be required. If you **do not** want your child to be screened, please visit <http://www.peelregion.ca/dental/schoolscreening> or call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 by **March 20, 2024**.

Facebook Message

“Peel Public Health is providing free dental screening, as required by the Ontario Ministry of Health, for students in **Grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6, 8** at school on **March 21, 22, 25, 2024**. Please note that dental screening may be completed earlier than the expected end date. A dental screening is a quick assessment by a registered dental hygienist who will take a look inside your child's mouth. A separate, sterilized mouth mirror is used for each child. It identifies children who may be in need of dental care. After the dental screening, a form with the results will go home with every child screened. If a child is identified with a dental condition requiring immediate dental treatment, the parent may be contacted by a dental staff member. A re-screening may be required. If you **do not** want your child to be screened, please visit the web portal at www.peelregion.ca/dental/schoolscreening or call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 by **March 20, 2024**.” *Please use attached “Sample Picture”.*

Twitter Message

“Peel Public Health is providing **free** dental screening for students in **Grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6, 8** on **March 21, 22, 25, 2024**. If you **do not** want your child to be screened, visit <http://www.peelregion.ca/dental/schoolscreening> or call 905-799-7700 by **March 20, 2024**.” *Please use attached “Sample Picture”.*

Sample Picture

We have attached a “Sample Picture” that informs parents when, where and what GRADES will be participating in the school dental screening. This picture can be used for the school’s website, newsletter, email, Facebook or Twitter.

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Free Dental Screening at School

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- A separate, sterilized mouth mirror is used for each child.
- If a child is identified with a dental condition requiring immediate dental treatment, the parent may be contacted by a dental staff member. A re-screening may be required.



Where: [School]
When: [Date]
Grades: [Grades]



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www.peelregion.ca/dental/schoolscreening or call 905-799-7700
by [Date].

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Website, Newsletter or Email Message (please see next page)

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Peel Public Health School Dental Screening



Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

In an effort to help improve the health of students, Peel Public Health is providing free dental screening at Father C.W. Sullivan for students in **Grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6, 8** on **March 21, 22, 25, 2024**. Please note that dental screening may be completed earlier than the expected end date.

What is a school dental screening?

- Peel Public Health provides dental screening in select GRADES in Peel elementary schools, as required by the Ontario Ministry of Health.
- It is a quick assessment by a registered dental hygienist who will take a look inside your child's mouth. A separate, sterilized mouth mirror is used for each child.
- It identifies children who may be in need of dental care.
- After the dental screening, a form with the results will go home with every child screened. If a child is identified with a dental condition requiring immediate dental treatment, the parent may be contacted by a dental staff member. A re-screening may be required.
- If the parent cannot afford to take their child to the dentist, the child may be eligible for free dental services through the Healthy Smiles Ontario program.
- A dental screening does not replace a regular dental visit.

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