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School Year 2023-2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Re: Oral (Dental) Health Assessment Program (2023-2024)

Each school year, students in specific grades have their oral health checked by Lambton Public Health. At a minimum, students in Junior Kindergarten, Senior Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 7 are screened at every publicly-funded school. A parent/guardian may request a screening for a child in any other grade by calling Lambton Public Health.

A dental screening is a brief, visual check of each child's mouth by a registered dental hygienist and dental assistant. Each student will be given a dental report card with their screening results. **A school dental screening does not replace regular annual visits to a dentist.**

If your child has dental needs, such as large dental cavities, you will be notified by Lambton Public Health. If dental care is required, your child may qualify for one or more of our **free** dental health programs. The child may be rescreened during the school year to ensure they received care.

To learn more about Child Dental programs supported by Lambton Public Health visit the website.

Thank you for supporting better oral health.

Sincerely,

Leslie Lambert, RDH
Reg. Dental Hygienist

Lucy Thornton, RDH
Reg. Dental Hygienist

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Option to Decline Screening

If you wish to exclude a child from the dental screening program, please follow these steps:

- Call **519-383-3820** or toll free 1-800-667-1839 ext. 3820 (*Dental Exclusion Hotline*)
- Please do not call the school to exclude your child. Schools are not responsible for exclusions.
- Call must be received **within 10 business days** of letters being handed out.
- Provide the full name and details for **each child** you wish to exclude.
- You must call each school year to exclude each child.

For more information, please contact Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331 or toll free 1-800-667-1839.

Dental Care for Kids

FREE DENTAL PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH 17 AND UNDER



Healthy Smiles Ontario

A program designed for children of families in need of financial help.

The program includes regular visits to a licensed dental provider and covers the costs of treatment including:

- check-ups
- cleaning (scaling/polishing)
- fillings
- x-rays
- essential or emergency dental care

Who is eligible?

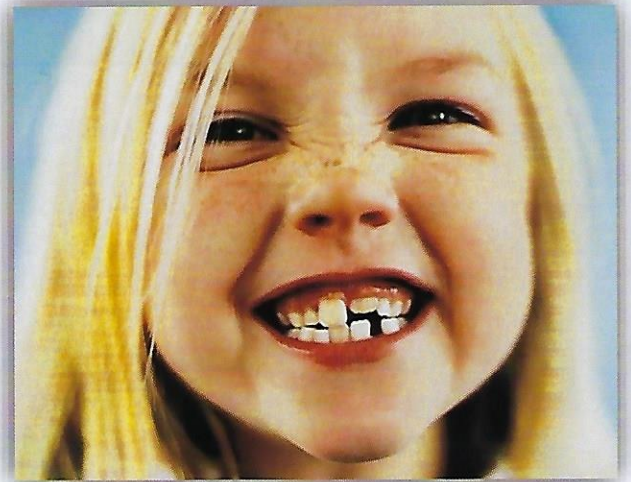
Your household is automatically enrolled in the program if you or your child receives benefits through:

- Ontario Works
- Temporary Care Assistance
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities

Children are eligible for the program if they:

- Are 17 years of age and under
- live in Ontario
- come from a low-income household **OR**
- have eligible dental needs and the cost would be a financial hardship

Full eligibility details and application can be found online: ontario.ca/healthysmiles or by calling Lambton Public Health.



Dental Clinic at Lambton Public Health

Contact Lambton Public Health if you have any questions. Lambton Public Health may be able to provide some assistance to children and youth 17 years of age and under for the following services:

- sealants
- cleaning (scaling/polishing)
- fluoride treatments
- dental care lessons

Call to discuss and to make an appointment: 519-383-8331 or 1-800-667-1839.



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