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Peel Public Health School Dental Screening



Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Oral health is an important part of a child's overall health. In an effort to help improve the health of students, Peel Public Health is providing free dental screening at **St. Clare** for students in **grades JK, SK, 2** on **April 23, 2025**. 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. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program provides free dental services for eligible children 17 years of age and under.
- A dental screening does not replace a regular dental visit.

Complete the form you received from the school to indicate whether or not you want your child to participate in the free dental screening.

For more information, call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.