



Peel Public Health School Preventive for children (0-17 years) Information for School Staff



Why is oral health important?

- Good oral health is important to a child's overall health.
- Untreated tooth decay may lead to pain and infection. It may lead to other problems such as difficulty chewing, difficulty concentrating, or the child may miss school.

Why is Peel Public Health providing preventive appointments in school?

- Peel Public Health Dental Program is offering FREE preventive dental services at school to children who qualify, to help reduce barriers for parents in accessing dental services.

How are parents notified about school preventive?

During a dental screening at school a Peel Public Health Registered Dental Hygienist and Certified Dental Assistant identify students who are in need of preventive dental services. If a student is identified, a pink form will be sent home and the parent must complete and return the form to the school by the specified date.

What are the dates of the preventive clinic?

- The preventive clinic can run from 2 to 4 weeks.
- For specific dates please contact the office staff.

Where should returned pink "School Preventive Services Form" be stored?

All returned forms should be kept in a large envelope in the main office. A dental staff member will collect the forms.

What happens during a preventive appointment?

Services that may be provided include:

- Dental Cleaning (scaling/polish)
- Pit and Fissure Sealants
- Fluoride Varnish Application
- Dental Health Education

How long are students being pulled out of class?

- Peel Public Health staff use a buddy system when providing preventive services. Two to three students will be pulled out of class at a time for a duration of 1 -2 hours to complete preventive services.

What happens after the dental screening?

- The parent will **only** be notified if the child needs additional dental care.
- The parents will receive a report card of preventive services that were provided.

Any questions from parents can be referred to call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 ext. 5622 or visit peelregion.ca/dental.