

Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment

Kindergarteners are required to have a dental health screening.



Dental problems can prevent your child from doing well in school.

Did You Know?

Dental problems can cause pain and make it difficult for children to pay attention in school, prevent them from eating and sleeping well, and can even affect their ability to speak and socialize. All of these issues can impact a child's ability to learn and do well in school. Dental screenings help catch problems that need to be fixed so children are ready to learn.

It's easy to get your child screened.

Public Health – Muskegon County, in collaboration with Hackley Community Care, will provide dental screenings at events before the start of kindergarten and in school during the kindergarten school year. Check with your school or Public Health – Muskegon County for a schedule.

The screening is free.

There is no cost to you if your screening is through Public Health – Muskegon County. If you have a dentist, they are able to bill your insurance.

A dental screening is simple and fast.

A dental professional will look into your child's mouth and note what they see on the screening form. No treatment is done. It's simply a quick look in the mouth. They will let you know if your child needs to see a dentist.

Help is available.

The Michigan Oral Health Directory has a list of low- and no-cost dental providers by county at mi.gov/oralhealth. If your child does not have dental insurance, they may be eligible for the Michigan Healthy Kids Dental Program at mi.gov/HealthyKidsDental.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Public Health – Muskegon County
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Dental Services
HackleyCommunityCare.org
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