

Oral Health Annual Report 2019-20

School Screening

Hastings Prince Edward Public Health conducts oral health assessment and surveillance of children in all elementary schools in order to meet the Ontario Public Health Standards. Due to COVID-19 related school closures in March 2020, oral health screenings were suspended. The data presented is based on 2019/20 school year results and should be interpreted with caution as it only provides a snapshot of screenings completed prior to closure of schools.



68%
of eligible students
were screened
(due to school closures)



74% of students were recommended
TOPICAL FLUORIDE

8% of students were recommended
SEALANTS

6% of students were recommended
SCALING



Almost **1 in 6**
students screened
had decay.



63%
of those with
decay were in
urgent need of
treatment.

Why does this matter?

Good oral health is important for a child's self-esteem, sense of well being, and their overall health.

Cavities and gum disease can be painful, lead to infections, and impact a child's sleep, eating and ability to learn.

