Pre-K/Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment

There is a new state requirement that requires incoming pre-k/kindergarten students to receive an oral health assessment beginning the 2024/2025 school year. If your child is a current pre-k student, this does not apply to your student.

The Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) can be completed by your child's dentist, one of our HPS clinics (dates listed below), or at the local Health Department. There is no cost if the assessment is done by the local Health Department or at an HPS Clinic. The Hudsonville location of the Ottawa County Health Department will be having clinics this summer but dates are still to be determined. Individual appointments can also be made with the Health Department and can be made by calling (616)-396-5266.

The oral assessment is a very brief screening that takes just a few minutes to complete - no treatment is performed and it is simply a quick look in the mouth. If follow-up is needed, the form will list specific details regarding necessary follow-up. Assistance is available through the Health Department for any student that does not have a dentist and/or dental insurance.

For documentation, complete the dental exam section of the kindergarten health appraisal form: <u>Link to Health Appraisal Form OR</u> complete the separate oral health assessment form: <u>Link to KOHA Form</u> - either option is acceptable. *Please note that the old versions of the health appraisal form say the dental exam is optional, in Ottawa County it is now required and is NOT optional.* Once the assessment and documentation are complete, please submit your child's paperwork into the health appraisal section in Powerschool or to your child's school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's school administrative assistants.

HPS Oral Health Assessment Clinics:

Location: Hudsonville Administrative Office - 3886 Van Buren St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 *Park in the main parking lot and use the sidewalk on the South side of the building to walk to the portables located directly to the east of the building. Follow the signs to the north portable closest to Van Buren St.

Dates:

April 25th: 4pm-6pm May 22nd: 4pm-6pm May 28th: 11am-2pm

Helpful Resources:

<u>Information for Parents</u>
<u>Spanish - Information for Parents</u>
Ottawa County Health Department- Dental Health