



Frequently Asked Questions



1. What is a dental assessment?

Similar to hearing and vision screenings, the oral health assessment takes no longer than 5 minutes to look for signs of tooth decay or infection by a licensed dental professional at no cost to you.

2. Who can complete a KOHA (Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment) Form?

Any dentist, dental therapist, or registered dental hygienist licensed in Michigan can complete the form.

3. What is the KOHA Assessment Form? What do I do now?

If your child completes the assessment at school, the school will be provided a list of students that had the assessment completed. If your child received an assessment at a community-hosted event or private dental office, please return your child's completed dental assessment form to their school.

4. What if my child needs additional care?

If additional follow up is recommended, please refer to the list of providers on the other side of this sheet. These dentists are accepting new patients and provide dental care to children.

5. Childhood tooth decay is the most common chronic disease in children

Tooth decay, or the presence of childhood cavities, is by far the most common chronic childhood disease. It's five times more common in children than asthma! The good news is that it's also one of the most preventable diseases.

6. What if I cannot afford to take my child to the dentist?

Assessments will be provided at no cost to you. There are a variety of ways to have kids in Michigan seen by a dentist or dental professional. Consider enrolling your child in Michigan's Healthy Kids Dental Program. Visit Michigan's Healthy Kids Dental Program Webpage: [Healthy Kids Dental Program \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/healthykids).

7. How can I find a dental home for my entire family?

You can refer to the list of dentists on the back side of this sheet or find a dentist via your insurance provider and zip code by visiting deltadental.com/us/en/member/find-a-dentist.html

8. Do my older children have to have a dental screening too?

This law is specifically for children entering Kindergarten, but it is highly recommended that all children see a dentist at least twice a year.

9. What grades need to have a dental assessment completed?

Pre-schoolers – Can be assessed no earlier than March 1st prior to the start of their Kindergarten school year.

Young 5's – Not considered as eligible by MDHHS until March 1st prior to the start of their Kindergarten school year.

Kindergarteners – All Kindergarteners are eligible to be assessed starting March 1st through the end of their Kindergarten school year.

1st Grade – If a child enters the school system directly into 1st grade, they will also need an assessment completed no earlier than March 1st through the end of their 1st grade school year.