

KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT



Have You Heard?

Early detection and treatment of dental problems can help children succeed in school. That's why Michigan passed a law making dental assessments required upon entry into a child's first year of school effective with the 2024-25 school year.

KOHA

The Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) is a new program that is similar to Michigan's Hearing and Vision Screening Programs and is also facilitated by local health departments.

Questions?

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In The Know

- ✓ These dental assessments will identify children with unmet dental needs and refer them for treatment. The program aims to increase access to dental care, help establish dental homes, and raise families' awareness of the importance of good oral health.
- ✓ The oral health assessment requirement will not alter your usual office protocols for new or existing patients. The only additional part of the visit is the completion of the KOHA assessment form.
- ✓ Beyond providing kindergarten dental assessments for your current patients, your collaboration in accepting referrals and providing treatment is a critical link in an effective system of screening, referral, and treatment of children with unmet dental needs in our community.

FAQ'S



Who can perform the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment?

A child's KOHA requirement can be met by a routine visit with their dentist. The dentist will need to complete the KOHA Form after their exam for the parent to return to the school. If a child does not have a dentist or their requirement has not been fulfilled, they can be seen by the Mid-Michigan District Health Department's Registered Dental Hygienist while at school, similar to hearing and vision screenings.

When should Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments be completed?

The new KOHA mandate states the assessments must be completed prior to kindergarten entrance, but no earlier than 6 months prior to the start of school.

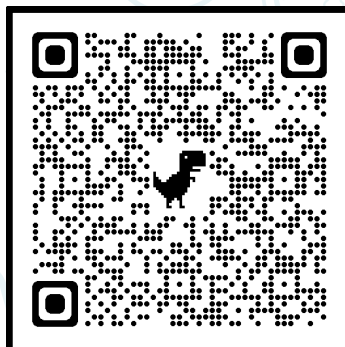
What happens if one of my patients is screened at school by the health department?

The assessment provided by the health department is only a recording of obvious findings, NOT a clinical exam with diagnosis and treatment planning. Children will be referred back to their dentist for any concerns. The goal of the program is to connect children and families with "dental homes" where they can receive comprehensive care.

Where do I find the KOHA Assessment Form?

A parent or guardian will likely bring you the form, but the MDHHS-6067 form can also be found on the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services website at:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/childrenfamilies/familyhealth/oralhealth/koha>
or by scanning the QR code below.



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