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## Complete the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment

Dear provider,

California legislation (California Education Code Section 49452.8) requires that a Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) be completed for all children entering public school for the first time (at kindergarten or first grade). The forms should be completed and submitted to the child's school at the beginning of the school year. HPSM Dental providers play an important role in helping families complete the form and increasing KOHA screening rates for San Mateo County children.

Please complete the KOHA screening for all children entering public school for the first time (at kindergarten or first grade). **To complete a KOHA:**

1. Download the KOHA form: <https://www.smchealth.org/post/kindergarten-oral-health-assessment-koha>
2. Print out copies so you have them ready for dental visits with pediatric patients who are entering kindergarten or first grade.
3. Have the patient's parent or guardian fill out the first page of the form. Then you as the Dental Provider fill out page 2.
4. Instruct the family to submit the completed form to the child's school. This should be done immediately after the visit and no later than by the end of the school year.

Please direct questions to HPSM Dental at [dental@hpsm.org](mailto:dental@hpsm.org).

Thank you for your continued commitment to our community,

The Health Plan of San Mateo