

## California Smile Survey

The California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) Office of Oral Health is conducting a statewide oral health assessment of third grade students during the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Third grade children in selected schools will receive a free two-minute dental screening by a registered dental hygienist.

**The purpose of the survey is to:**

- Determine the oral health status of third grade children in California (tooth decay (caries/cavities), untreated tooth decay, and dental sealants).
- Help the Office of Oral Health make informed decisions for local programs to prevent oral disease in children.

We ask you for your support in carrying out this important assessment. A lack of preventive dental care is detrimental to the quality of life of school-age children and can negatively impact school attendance and performance. Your participation in this project will contribute to the health and well-being of California's children.



The CDPH Office of Oral Health has received the support of the California Department of Education. It has contracted Sacramento State's Population Research Center (PRC) to administer the California Smile Survey.

To obtain additional information about the *California Smile Survey*, please call, email or visit our website.

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