

GKAS SERVICES PROVIDED

Each participating location may offer all or some of the full range of dental services available to patients during GKAS day. When calling to make an appointment for your child on GKAS day, please feel ask what services are offered.

Here is a list and explanation of services offered at various locations:

SCREENING – A dental professional will visually inspect the mouth of the child and make note of what is needed during a later follow-up visit to a dentist.

ORAL HYGIENE INSTRUCTION – A dental professional will instruct the child on how to properly brush, floss and rinse. A take-home instruction sheet is usually given, as well as a toothbrush and toothpaste, to ensure continuation at home.

DENTAL EXAM - A dental exam includes a full oral cavity examination by a dentist. X-rays are taken to look more closely at the child's teeth and tooth structure. Usually, these exams also include a fluoride treatment or sealants (liquid applications to fight tooth decay). Fluoride and sealants are also commonly referred to as **PREVENTIVE WORK**.

RESTORATIVE WORK – In the context of GKAS, restorative usually means filling cavities, performing pulpotomies (the inflamed pulp chamber, usually on a baby molar [back tooth], is removed, the area is sterilized, and the chamber is sealed) or providing stainless steel crowns (used for the restoration of badly broken-down baby teeth and first permanent molars (back teeth). Also used as a temporary restoration of fractured permanent incisors (front biting teeth).

EMERGENCY WORK – On rare occasions, children present at GKAS with severe dental issues that require immediate emergency care. These include extractions (removing the decayed/infected tooth), abscessed (a pus-filled infection), or other serious issues that require immediate medical attention.