What is the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment? (KOHA)
▪ For KOHA, your child needs a quick check by dental staff to see if they have dental problems.
▪ This check must be done before starting kindergarten, or by the end of the first year.

Why is KOHA important?
▪ More than half of children starting kindergarten already have cavities.
▪ Untreated cavities can cause pain and infection that can spread to other parts of the body.
▪ Poor oral health can make it hard for children to chew food, sleep at night, or socialize.
▪ Children with dental problems are more likely to miss school.
▪ A basic dental check can find problems before they become more painful.

How do I get a Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment for my child?
▪ If you have a dentist for your child, contact that office for an appointment.
▪ Bring the form to the dental appointment.
  Available in English and other languages.
▪ After the dental appointment, bring the completed form to your child’s teacher.

Need a dentist who serves children enrolled in Medi-Cal?
See dental.acphd.org/ or call (510) 208-5910.

For more, go to Smile, California at smilecalifornia.org/ or call (800) 322-6384.