



Guidelines for Vision Screening by the Wilmington Lions Club

The Covid-19 Pandemic has resulted in many special challenges for the Wilmington Lions Club as we look to restart children's vision screening in our community. Many children are already back to school and/or learning online. It is our intention to screen children's eyes to find those children with the potential for Amblyopia, other vision risk factors and/or refractive errors that may need professional eye care or needing eyeglasses to see clearly. Every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly and succeed in school and society.

The Wilmington Lions Club owns a Welch Allyn Spot Screener. The Spot Vision Screener is a handheld vision screening device that helps users quickly and easily detect vision issues on patients from 6 months to grade 12. The Spot Screener screens both eyes at once from a nonthreatening 3-foot distance. The Spot Screener can detect Myopia (nearsightedness), Hyperopia (farsightedness), Astigmatism (blurred vision), Anisometropia (unequal refractive power), Strabismus (eye misalignment) and Anisocoria (unequal pupil size).

Guidelines for Vision Screening

The Wilmington Lions Club will

Follow local, state, and National guidelines and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE)

Allow and encourage directors and/or school personnel at the site to screen our volunteers' temperature

Follow site or school guidelines on questions on travel or other possible exposure to Covid 19

Request that the school personnel or site directors supervise children at all times following site or school protocols

Properly sanitize the equipment between operators and/or event following manufacturers guidelines

Give any tokens, stickers or pencils to site or school personnel for distribution to children

Follow guideline from Lions KidsSight USA including no physical contact of children

Follow HIPA rules including leaving referrals and paperwork at the site for distribution. At a public site, no identifying informing is kept, and referrals and paperwork are left with the parents. The Wilmington Lions Club will keep records on the date, location, number of children screened and number of referrals.

Require parent consent forms

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