



FREE DENTAL EXAMS FOR VETERANS

Saturday, **JULY 18, 2026** St. Louis Dental Center
1500 Park Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63104

- Registration, 7:30-11:00 a.m.
- Call 314.685.3553 to pre-register.
- Walk-ins welcome until 11:00 a.m.
- Please bring a photo ID and your veteran certification form (DD-214) or VA card.
- Veterans will receive a FREE dental screening/exam.
- Affinia Healthcare's Outreach team will be on hand to assist with Medicaid applications for uninsured adults.

Funding to make this event free for veterans has been made possible by ATSU and AFFINIA HEALTHCARE

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St. Louis Dental Center provides free dental exams to veterans

Registration is required, and walks-ins are welcome

ST. LOUIS: A.T. Still University-Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ATSU-MOSDOH) faculty and students and Affinia Healthcare staff step in the new year to provide comprehensive dental screenings at no cost to veterans at the St. Louis Dental Center. To make this event free to veterans, funding is provided through generous private donations.

“Too many vets lack health insurance or access to care, and more than 90% of veterans do not qualify for dental care through the Veterans Administration,” explains Herbert Silva, DMD, assistant professor, comprehensive care director, and leader of MOSDOH Smiles for Veteran program at the St. Louis Dental Center. “Since the program’s inception, more than 2000 veterans in all branches of service and every war have received services. Nearly 200 veterans are currently in treatment, and financial support for continuing to provide care at no charge is needed.”

WHAT: FREE DENTAL SCREENING EXAMS FOR VETERANS

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WHEN: SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

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WHERE: ST. LOUIS DENTAL CENTER

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INFO:

For more information or to pre-register for the March 5 event, please call 314.685.3553.

To make a donation to MOSDOH Smiles for Veterans program, please visit atsu.edu/support-mosdoh-vets.

NOTE: Veterans must bring a photo ID and their veteran certification form (DD-214) or VA card. Veterans will receive a dental screening and exam at no charge. Affinia Healthcare’s Outreach Team will be on hand to assist with Medicaid applications for uninsured adults.

St. Louis Dental Center Located at 1500 Park Ave. in the Lafayette Square neighborhood, the St. Louis Dental Center is a state-of-the-art 79,000-square-foot clinical education facility with 93 dental chairs. Dental care is provided by A.T. Still University-Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health faculty and dental students and by Affinia Healthcare dentists and staff. To learn more about St. Louis Dental Center services and schedule an appointment, call 314.833.2700 or visit stldentalcenter.org or [Facebook.com/stldental.center](https://www.facebook.com/stldental.center).

About the Partnership – In 2015, A.T. Still University's Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ATSU-MOSDOH) and Affinia Healthcare established a unique partnership to address the critical shortage of dentists, and paucity of oral health services for underserved, vulnerable populations in St. Louis, who lack access to high quality oral healthcare. Through this innovative partnership, ATSU-MOSDOH's third- and fourth-year dental students complete their hands-on clinical education curriculum at the St. Louis Dental Center in a community health center learning environment, providing dental care to Affinia Healthcare's patients.

Affinia Healthcare's experienced clinical operations and skilled oral healthcare teams are essential to the partnership because of its comprehensive primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services provided to over 43,000 patients per year, of which 90% have incomes under 100% of the federal poverty line. Collaboratively, ATSU-MOSDOH and Affinia Healthcare help dental students develop a comprehensive understanding of the negative determinants of health on the dental and overall health of patients at the St. Louis Dental Center, while improving access to dental care for otherwise underserved individuals in our community.

ATSU-Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health

Established in 2013, ATSU's Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ATSU-MOSDOH) offers an innovative curriculum with an emphasis on public health, leadership, and practice. ATSU-MOSDOH addresses the oral healthcare disparities in Missouri and across the nation. In addition to the issues of oral health and skills of dentistry, students learn from and are encouraged to become caring, community-minded healthcare providers.

Affinia Healthcare

Established in 1906, Affinia Healthcare is a dynamic and transformative health system, providing affordable primary and preventive healthcare, including medical, dental, and behavioral health services across 12 locations in St. Louis. Affinia Healthcare is a community health center, 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, and is accredited through the Joint Commission and National Committee for Quality Assurance organizations.