

HiMama Helps Webinar

Classroom Safety Tips For Reopening



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Topics Covered

- COVID-19 & classroom safety
- Safe toys & materials
- Tips for teachers
- Physical distancing games

Panelists

- Reopening experiences from 2 centers
- Changes made to procedures & classrooms
- Supporting staff & families through the process
- Plans for the future!



COVID-19 Classroom Safety

- Social distancing measures
 - Arrange the classroom, can use tape on the floors
 - Hula hoops and pool noodles to show safe space
- Hygiene routines (how to make it fun!)
 - Sing a song! (ABC's)
 - Take pictures of them washing and create a poster with them
- Changes to toys & materials
 - Clean every day, if possible change them out for different ones



Toys that are safe for the classroom

- Prioritizing safe materials when it comes to toys & resources
- Make sure everything you have out can be washed and sanitized easily
- Every health unit might have different guidelines to what can/can not be used in the classroom
- We're figuring this out as we go - remember to be adaptable and have fun!



Toys Toys Toys!

- Individual sensory bins
- Lego
- Blocks
- Play kitchen
- Plastic clipboards
- Magnatiles
- Contact - free technology
- Balls - All types
- Plastic blocks



Toys that are less ideal...

- Stuffed animals or costumes
- Community sensory bins
- Cardboard puzzles
- Shared technology
- Water tables
- Sand tables
- Be careful with wooden toys - some can be washed, others can not.



Classroom tips for teachers

- Invest the time to help children to be independent.
- Make individual learning kits for each child if you can.
- Don't mingle with other groups to prevent the spread.
- Plan for outside fun!



Classroom tips for teachers

- Clean and disinfect throughout the day
- Establish a routine and stick to it
 - Ex: Wash hands after morning play, after coming inside, before lunch, after sleep
- Encourage families to keep a child home if they are unwell
- Don't forget to have fun!!



Fun physical distancing games

- There are tons of games and activities that you can play, with some extra space
 - Noodle Tag - grab a pool noodle and get your game of tag on
 - Simon says! (stay 6 feet away) - The traditional game with space
 - Detective - Detective has to guess who the leader is
 - What time is it Mr. Wolf? - Just add some space



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Amanda Shroyer
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Life's Little Treasures
Markle, Indiana, USA

- Cool aunt and pet rescuer
- Her driving force of her work is to teach children to love the earth and be good people
- How are teachers and children adapt to the changes that come with COVID-19 procedures
- Tips on creating a safe environment for the kids!



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Corrine Manning
Development Coordinator
Lakeview Montessori School
Windsor, ON, Canada

- Balances her passion for Montessori methodology and business to support her center
- How was the planning for reopening & the actual experience?
- Changes to the Montessori classroom
- Physical distancing in the classroom



Open Audience Questions

Shout-outs!



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What's Next?

- **Show Notes & Recording** - You will receive an email linking to resources and this recording tomorrow!
- Our next session will be ***Supporting Children With Trauma-Informed Methods*** happening **next week** at the same place and same time - **Thursday July 23th**



1:1 Q&A On Slack

- We would love to continue questions for the Q and A session on our **ECE Professionals Slack Group**
- We're sharing **the invitation link in the chat** so join us if you have some time and want to connect further!
- It's a great place to get support, answer your questions, connect with attendees and hosts and lift each other up!



**We are all in this
together,
stay Healthy and
safe!**

**Thanks for spending
your time with us!**