

Safety Protocols in Place to Open Hertz Nursery School:

- Daily morning health screening, including temperature check.
- Staff will monitor children throughout the day to note any symptoms or fevers that may appear.
- Staggered drop offs and pick-ups (by class) to reduce cross exposure.
- Children and staff will wash hands upon entering building each morning and before leaving at the end of the day.
- Proper storage of children's belongings, to minimize touching.
- Class size will be no larger than 10 children.
- As of now, groups cannot be combined.
- As of now, staff must stay with the same group each day.
- At this point, only teachers and children are allowed in the building.
- Additional staff training will be provided related to COVID 19, its spread and symptoms, as well as use of PPE and infection control.
- Staff will wear masks whenever 6 feet of social distancing is not possible.
- Children age 2 and over are strongly encouraged to wear masks whenever 6 feet of social distancing is not possible.
- Adults are required to wear masks at pick up and drop off each day.
- Children will have individual "art/sensory/fine motor" boxes which will contain materials to complete projects, practice writing and scissor cutting, playdough or foam, etc.
- Children will have their own labeled chair that they will use each day.
- Toddlers will have their own rest mats and sheets which they will use each day, if they stay for Enrichment.
- Reduced seating at tables to allow for social distancing between children.
- Use of towels on floors to encourage social distancing while engaging in floor activities.
- Increased sanitation protocols, which will include extra cleaning of high contact surfaces and toys used by the children each day. This will be documented in a sanitizing/disinfecting log kept in each class.
- Soft toys, pillows, dress up clothes and items that cannot easily be disinfected will be removed from classrooms and open time room.
- Outdoor equipment and open time room surfaces will be disinfected between classes.
- If a child becomes sick in the program, the child will be escorted by a familiar staff member to a separate space until a parent/guardian arrives to pick them up. The child must be picked up within 45 minutes of phone call.
- If a child or staff member contracts COVID 19, we will notify families, employees, EEC and the Sharon Board of Health while maintaining confidentiality.