## Coronavirus COVID-19



## Guidance for drug and alcohol support groups and treatment programmes

This guidance supports the safe resumption of drug and alcohol services under the national framework for living with Covid-19.



## **Hold**support meetings on-line or outdoors where possible



a risk assessment before face-to-face group meetings



Venues
should be carefully
managed, with limited
sharing with other
users



Maximum
number of attendees is
15 people (including
leaders), with 2 metres
social distancing



Face
coverings should be
used where social
distancing of 2 metres
is not possible due to
space constraints



**Support**groups should last a maximum of 1 hour and 45 minutes



People
at higher risk, or those
in close contact with
such individuals,
should only attend
on-line meetings



Attendance at multiple groups or programmes should be avoided

The full version of the guidance can be downloaded at www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/17d32f-drugs-and-alcohol-policy/

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