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.

**People**
living with drug and alcohol addiction are at higher risk from Covid-19

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

**Support**
groups and treatment programmes are high risk settings when the incidence of Covid-19 is widespread in the community

**Venues**
should be airy and well ventilated

**Max 15**
number of attendees is 15 people (including leaders), subject to 2 metres social distancing per person

**Face**
coverings should be worn at all times

**Support**
groups should last a maximum of 90 minutes or shorter when the risk of transmission is high

**Attend**
only one support group or programme

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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