



Adult Disability Day Services and COVID-19 What's Happening in September 2021?



Full Resumption of Adult Disability Day Services

- In line with the Government's Roadmap "Reframing the challenge, continuing our recovery and reconnecting" which outlines a change in the approach to the ongoing management of COVID-19, there is now potential for the full restoration of adult disability day services.
- October 22nd is the date on which the majority of restrictions will be lifted.
- Day service providers are developing plans to increase the level of day service provision to full 100% restoration and pre COVID-19 level of service for each day service user by October 22nd.



Transport Capacity



- Public Transport is now operating to 100% **capacity** and we have advised that transport in disability day services should now also be operating at full capacity.

Infection prevention and control measures

The Providers will continue to ensure the safe delivery of adult day services by following Infection Prevention and Control measures. These include:

- Service User and Day Service Location Risk Assessments
- Service User Training in managing COVID-19
- Staff Training in managing COVID-19
- Protocols to support the Health and Wellbeing of Service Users and Staff
- Enhanced environmental hygiene - maintenance and cleaning of Day Service Locations
- Pod like arrangements in Day service Locations
- Enhanced environmental hygiene - maintenance and cleaning of Day Service Transport
- Infection Control Measures including PPE
- Protocols for the management of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19
- Provision of information to the HSE to track the activity of COVID-19.

Coronavirus COVID-19 Prevention



Wash
your hands well and often to avoid contamination



Cover
your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard



Avoid
touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands



Clean
and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Key Messages

- Day Service Location plans are being developed to enable restoration to full service provision for all service users by October 22nd.
- Providers will continue to talk to service users and families about the full return to day services.
- Infection Prevention and Control measures will continue to ensure safe delivery of services.



Further information and contact details for all day service locations are available on the New Directions website at www.hse.ie/newdirections

COVID-19 National Public Health Guidance
Maintain Social Distancing • Hand Hygiene • Cough Etiquette •
Personal Protection Equipment