



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



All Day Service Locations are Open

- Service providers continue to maintain the highest standards of infection prevention and control to ensure that everybody in a day service location is kept safe.
- There have been very few outbreaks of COVID-19 in day service locations.

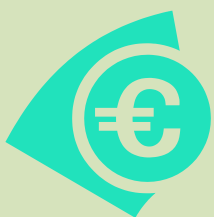


What services are being provided at the moment?

- All service users should now be receiving increased supports at their service location.
- If you live in your own home with your family and were receiving a full five day service before COVID-19, you should now be receiving what would amount to at least three days a week service at the service location (these hours might be spread over 4 or 5 days).
- If you have a residential service, you may have been receiving most of your day service supports in your residence but it is now expected that you should be returning to your day service location for the majority of your day service supports
- All efforts are being made to try and increase the supports provided to service users that had been receiving reduced supports since March 2020.



What is happening to increase the level of Service?



- Almost €40 million has been allocated to service providers to enable additional staff to be employed, temporary buildings to be secured, transport services to be enhanced and additional laptops/IPads to be purchased.

- All Day Service Users and Staff have been offered a COVID-19 vaccine and the vaccination process should be complete by mid-summer.
- Good vaccination protection should enable some restrictions to be eased to allow more people in a day service location. Once all staff and service users in day services have completed the vaccination process we will be working with colleagues in Infection Prevention and Control to identify what other easing of current restrictions can be introduced to further restore day services.
- The HSE is collecting information about the level and type of support provided by all day service providers. This provides us with information we need to further restore day services.



What is Important for you at this time?

- ✿ To ensure your safety and the safety of day service staff, services providers continue to provide your day service in line with current public health guidance and also in line with New Directions.
- ✿ You need to engage with your Service Provider to make sure that you are getting the right amount of service supports at your day service location at this time.
- ✿ If you have still decided not to return to your day service location at this time, your service provider should be in regular contact with you and providing you with supports either remotely or in your home.



- ✿ We will keep you informed about what is happening – you will receive further updates in July, August and September.

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

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 used tissue



Avoid
touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands



Clean
and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces