

Roadmap Details

(for the full version – use the link below from the DCMS).

Theatres can open from 17th May with 50% capacity (via socially distanced seating) and with full capacity after 21st June.

However that all depends on the R rate and a whole pie chart of medical figures. If the rates of infections etc. are still too high at the beginning of April then the road map dates will be put back by one, two or three weeks but this will happen **with only one week's notice**. So on the 5th April we will know if the restrictions to be lifted on 12th April will actually happen.

There has to be five weeks between **stage one** (currently 8th March) and **stage two** (currently 12th April), then five weeks between **stage two** (currently 12th April) and **stage three** (currently 17th May) and then five weeks between **stage three** (currently 17th May) and **stage four** (currently 21st June). If any of these dates gets put back then there is a domino effect and all the dates get put back.

We are now waiting on the Government saying it's OK a week before each of the roadmap dates. If everything stays the same for stage one and stage two, we suggest putting tickets on sale for post 17th May show around 6th April.

FROM THE DCMS:

The Prime Minister has set out his [Covid-19 Reponse - Spring 2021](#) which presents the step by step roadmap to reopening. (please click that link for the 60 page full version)

Whilst dates remain conditional, we know that the sector has been calling for “no earlier than” dates and the roadmap provides these at 5 week intervals between each step. This is to allow the government and health experts time to assess the impact of the previous step and provide a week's notice before changes occur.

In Step 3, (PAGE 36 in the full details via the above link) indoor entertainment and the remainder of outdoor events will be able to resume no earlier than 17 May, with social distancing and previous capacity caps continuing. Non-professional activity will be able to resume at this time in line with social contact rules indoors and outdoors as was the case previously. A full summary of how this impacts the performing arts sector at each step is set out in the attached document **(PAGE 36)**.

We know that social distancing remains a key barrier to the sector. The roadmap is clear that large events above the Step 3 capacity restrictions will be permitted no earlier than 21 June. The decision to remove these limits will be subject to the outcome of the scientific Events Research Programme and potentially require the use of testing to reduce the risk of infection, subject to further evaluation. We have already been working with the sector, including through the Venues Steering Group, to develop sector intelligence and plans to feed into this research programme. The

Events Research Programme will bring together the findings from across different sectors and different settings to determine a consistent approach to lifting restrictions on events.

The timings outlined in the roadmap are indicative, and the Government will be led by data, rather than fixed dates. Before taking each step, the Government will review the latest data and will only ease restrictions further if it is safe to do so. The indicative, 'no earlier than' dates in the roadmap are all contingent on the data and subject to change.