

Summary of the Government Roadmap to Events in 2021

When Events can Resume

Step 1: no earlier than 8 March and 29 March

- Rules around Funerals will not change. Funerals of up to 30 people are permitted and Wakes of up to 6 people in a Covid-secure venue. If in a private home, including grounds or gardens, only members of the household and support bubble can attend. Weddings are permitted up to 6 people.

Step 2 : no earlier than 12 April

- Drive-in Cinemas and Drive-in performances permitted.
- The rules on social contact will apply in this setting. Outdoor gathering must be limited to 6 people or 2 households and no indoor mixing. Previous guidance stated included rules for inside vehicles, for example at drive-in cinemas, where only single household or linked households could mix. This is yet to be confirmed for Step 2.
- Events Research Programme - Pilots begin

Step 3: no earlier than 17 May

- Remaining indoor and outdoor entertainment (including performances), including theatre and cinema.
- Some large events including conferences, theatre and concert performances and sport events.
 - Indoor events: 1000, or 50% of a venue's capacity, whichever is lower
 - Outdoor other event: 4000 or 50% of the capacity whichever is lower
 - Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% of the venue capacity whichever is lower
- Weddings, reception, funerals and commemorative events including wakes for up to 30 attendees. A broader range of standalone life events such as christenings and bar mitzvahs are permitted
- Guidance on social distancing will be updated but people should still keep their distance from anyone not in their household or bubble. It is expected that the limits on social contact will be eased but gatherings of more than 30 people will remain illegal
- Events Research programme pilots – capacity limits apply

Step 4: no earlier than 21 June

Subject to the outcome of the Events Research programme:

- Larger events can take place
- Nightclubs and theatres
- No limit on life events or social contact

Some measures may be required even after all adults have been offered a vaccine. Guidance will be issued in due course.

Events Research programme

DCMS and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy have been working with representatives from industry and civil society to explore when and how events with larger crowd sizes, less social distancing or in settings where transmission is more likely (i.e. indoors), will be able to return safely. This includes sports events, music festivals and large weddings and conferences.

This will include a series of pilots using enhanced testing approaches and other measures to run events with larger crowd sizes and reduced social distancing to evaluate the outcomes.

The Government will bring the findings from across different sectors and different settings to determine a consistent approach to lifting restrictions on these events. Depending on the outcome of this work, the Government hopes to be able to lift restrictions on these events and sectors as part of Step 4.