

THE EVENTS RESEARCH PROGRAMME DIRECTION – ‘A SHOT OF LAUGHTER’,  
COMEDY EVENT, PICCADILLY THEATRE, LONDON

THE HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS, RESTRICTIONS) (STEPS) (ENGLAND)  
REGULATIONS 2021

The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 9 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021 (the ‘Regulations’)<sup>1</sup>, make the following Direction for the purposes of a research programme concerned with the appropriate public health response to the incidence and spread of coronavirus in England.

Before making this Direction, the Secretaries of State have consulted with Professor Jonathan Van-Tam of the Department of Health and Social Care and had regard to any advice given by that person.

1. This Direction applies to—
  - a. the area shown bounded externally by the red line in the map in Annex A, comprising Piccadilly Theatre, 16 Denman Street, London, W1D 7DY (“Piccadilly Theatre”); and
  - b. the comedy show at Piccadilly Theatre “A Shot of Laughter” (“Comedy Show”).
2. This Direction disapplies the following restrictions and requirements in relation to Piccadilly Theatre while the Comedy Show is taking place there, on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021 between 18:00 and 23:00—
  - a. In relation to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020<sup>2</sup>—
    - i. regulation 1A(2) (restrictions in relation to relevant premises);
    - ii. regulation 2(1) (restrictions on hospitality undertakings); and
    - iii. regulation 2A(1) (requirements relating to signage and information);
  - b. In relation to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020<sup>3</sup>, regulation 3(1) (requirement to wear a face covering whilst entering or remaining within a relevant place); and
  - c. In relation to the Regulations—
    - i. paragraph 1 of Part 1, Schedule 3 (participation in gatherings indoors);

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<sup>1</sup> S.I. 2021/364, as amended by S.I. 2021/455, 585 and 705.

<sup>2</sup> S.I. 2020/1008, as amended by S.I. 2020/1046, 1057, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1154, 1200, 1374 and 1611 and S.I. 2021/364 and 585.

<sup>3</sup> S.I. 2020/791, as amended by S.I. 2020/839, 882, 906, 1021, 1026, 1028 and S.I. 2021/247, 364 and 585.

- ii. paragraph 7 of Part 2, Schedule 3 (restrictions on service of food and drink for consumption on the premises).

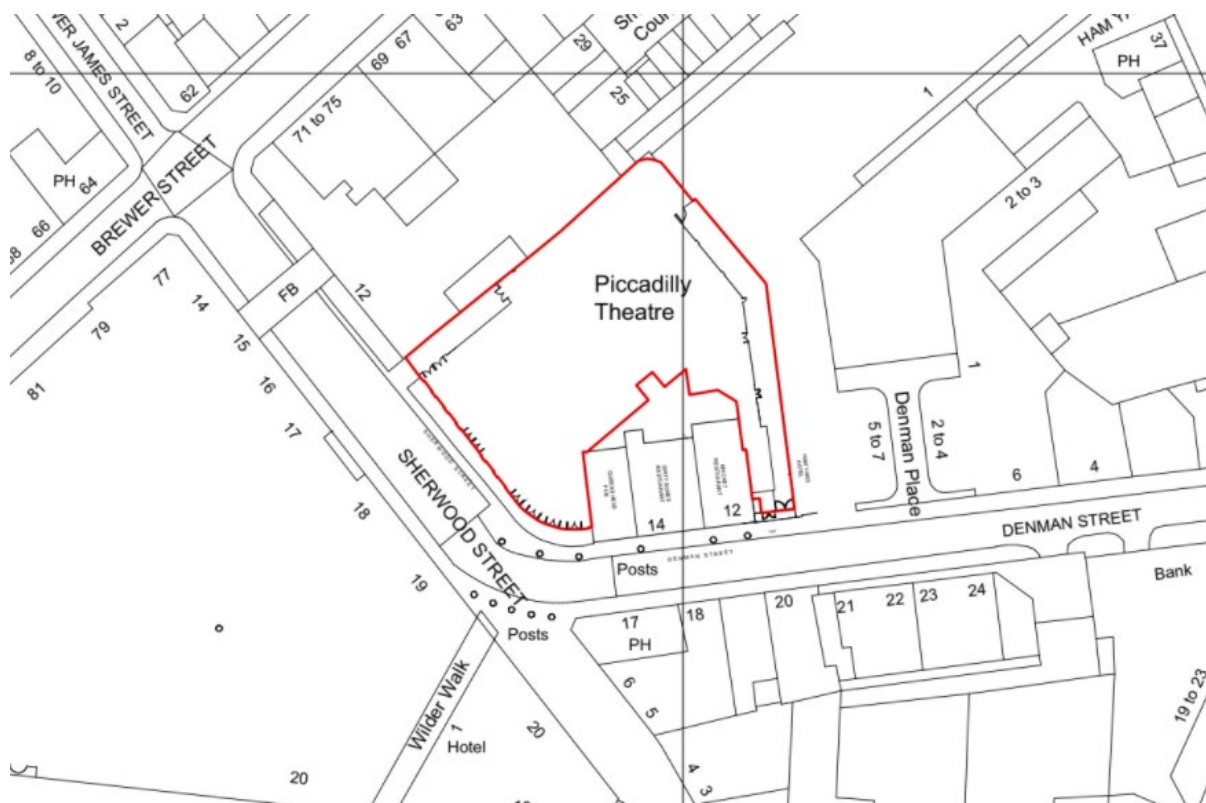
Signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

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Signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

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## ANNEX A



A copy of this map, signed by a member of the Senior Civil Service in the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, is available for inspection at:

- a. 100 Parliament Street, Westminster, London SW1A 2BQ; and
- b. The Ambassador Theatre Group Limited, 2nd Floor, Alexander House, Church Path, Woking, GU21 6EJ