

Corona Virus Road Map - Seagull Theatre

The following provides clarity and description for our understanding of the regulations in place at the various stages of the Roadmap.

Step 2 – 12th April 2021

From this date Theatres are still not allowed to open to the public. However, as with the lockdown, it continues to be the case that rehearsals and livestreaming can continue so long as closed to the public and with adherence to the social distancing rules.

From this date Community Centre and Dance Studios can both reopen. Since our non-theatre activities would replicate those undertaken within a Community Centre or Dance Studio, we interpret this to mean that these activities can restart from this date.

The guidance on the roadmap specifically states that

“Businesses eligible to host childcare and supervised activities for children will now be able to host these activities (including sport) for all children, regardless of circumstances.” (ref : <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reopening-businesses-and-venues-in-england/reopening-businesses-and-venues>)

We interpret this to mean that our Youth Theatre and Musical Theatre groups can restart and meet in person (with social distancing in place) and that our hirers operating activities for young people can also restart (adhering to social distancing)

The guidance further states that

*“Indoor events or gatherings outside of someone’s household or support bubble are not permitted at Step 2 (even in a venue permitted to open) **unless a specific exemption applies. This might include, for example:***

- *for work purposes (where this cannot be done from home)*
- **support groups**
- *supervised activities for children and parent and child groups”*

We interpret this to mean that our activities which CAN be classed as support groups – specifically those for people living with Dementia, can restart. We further believe that any hirer activity which can be reasonable considered to be a support group – could also restart.

However, we note that leisure activities for adults, such as Karate or Ukele lessons, do not appear to be permitted within this step of the roadmap.

Step 3 – 17th May 2021

At present we believe that 17th May 2021 will be the date from which public performances can restart – but under the social distancing restrictions previously in place in Autumn 2020.

This document will be update as further guidance on this step is published

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