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COVID-19: Boris Johnson says ending of most restrictions 'not an invitation for a great jubilee'

"I cannot say this powerfully or emphatically enough... this pandemic is not over, still carrying risks for you and your family".

Suggesting that life will not return to entirely as normal on Monday 19th July, Mr Johnson says tracking, tracing, and isolating positive cases will stay in place.

Boris Johnson has confirmed the lifting of all restrictions will go ahead next Monday. But he warned "we cannot simply revert instantly to life as it was before COVID". But he did not rule out introducing measures again, saying: "If we are seeing very exceptional circumstances, the arrival of a new variant that we haven't bargained for, budgeted for, that really is causing us a real problem, then obviously we must rule nothing out." A review will take place in September to assess the country's preparedness for autumn and winter.

Some key points:

- PM said he recommends people still wear a face mask on public transport and in crowded spaces although not venues such as nightclubs.
- Contact tracing will stay in place, as well as the country's travel restrictions
- There's an expectation death will increase, according to Professor Whitty
- The government will likely keep COVID data under review into next year
- Following the announcement earlier restrictions would be lifted next week, theatres say they will strongly recommend the use of face masks. But socially distanced seating will be scrapped.

Sir Patrick Vallance warned there will be a "very, very big rise" in infections if people act like they did pre-pandemic after Monday.

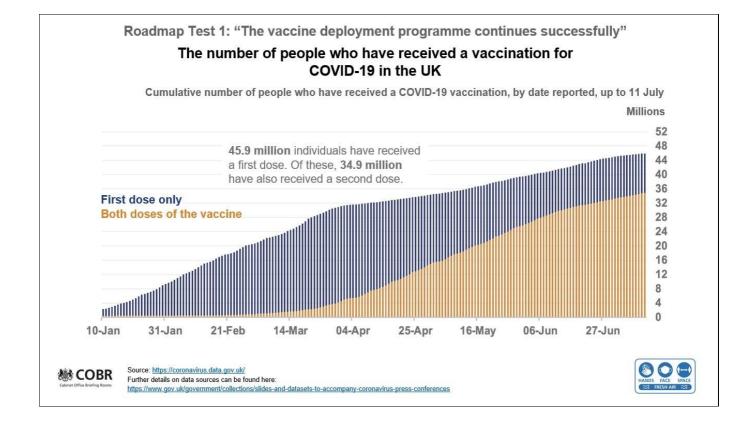
The British Beer & Pub Association has welcomed confirmation that restrictions on pubs in England, including onemetre-plus social distancing and table service only, will be lifted on 19 July.

The entertainment industry has welcomed the decision not to make domestic vaccine passports mandatory at live events. And all remaining businesses that have been closed during the pandemic, such as nightclubs, will be allowed to reopen.

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