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Changes to the ordinance prohibiting the holding of public gatherings and events

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To address the crowding that has been seen in nightclubs, the Government has decided that public dance events for more than 50 people will once again be prohibited. The Government has also adopted a new exemption from the ordinance, allowing public gatherings and public events with a maximum of 300 seated attendees, rather than the 500 previously discussed. The changes come into effect on 1 November.

In light of the increased transmission in recent months, the Government had previously chosen to delay the introduction of an exemption from the ordinance with respect to public gatherings and public events for a maximum of 50 people. Following recent dialogue with the Public Health Agency of Sweden, the Government today decided to introduce this exemption.

Holding events for a maximum of 300 seated attendees is conditional on every attendee being allocated a seat at a distance of at least one metre from other attendees, and that it is possible for attendees to maintain that distance throughout the event. Two people in the same party may be placed less than one metre apart, however.

To address the crowding seen on nightclub dancefloors, the Government today also decided that public dance events will once again be subject to the ordinance's limit of 50 attendees.

The Government also proposes that the temporary act on communicable disease control measures at eating and drinking establishments, which is due to expire at the end of the year, be extended by five months to the end of May 2021. This is because the risk of transmission is particularly high when people gather in small areas for extended periods of time. Restaurants, bars and cafés are examples of such environments.

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