

OBN Update on Business Events in the UK, from Monday 17 May 2021

In alignment with UK Government guidelines, from Monday 17 May 2021, in-person business events such as conferences, tradeshows, exhibitions, charity auctions and private dining events such as charity or gala dinners and award ceremonies and corporate hospitality are all permitted.

Regarding attendee numbers, from 17 May, indoor events can be delivered for up to 1,000 people or 50% of the venue capacity. This figure does not include venue staff, contractors or exhibitors.

Our commitment as event organisers is to ensure that the venues, we use for both the OBN Awards on 11 June, and the in-person element of BioTrinity on 21 & 22 June are Covid Safe, and that all reasonable action is taken to mitigate risk to the health of the event attendees.

The OBN team would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Sponsors, Members and Supporters for all your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times and look forward to seeing you very soon.

Below we have detailed the specific precautions we are taking and guidelines we are advising for each event:

OBN Awards – 11 June at Royal Lancaster, London

Summary of precautions:

- All delegates will be encouraged to take a government issued lateral flow COVID-19 test the night before attending the OBN Awards – if the test is positive, we kindly ask that you do not attend event on 11 June.
- Guests are asked to wear a face covering whilst moving through the venue but will be free to remove them once seated at their table.
- Guest registration will be contactless.
- Guest numbers on the night will not exceed 200, which is 50% of the capacity of the Nine-Kings Suite at the Royal Lancaster.
- Guests will be seated on tables on 5ft rounds of 5, rather than 10.
- An allocation of wine will be available for self-service on each table.
- Additional drinks can be purchased via the venue staff on the night, but must be paid for by card – the Royal Lancaster is a cashless venue.
- A one-way walking system will be set up to around the event space.
- All touch points will be regularly cleaned and we ask all guests to take advantage of the hand-sanitisation facilities whenever possible.



[View the Royal Lancaster's Covid-19 Health & Safety video here](#)

**BioTrinity 2021 - In-person at Etc. Venues Bishopsgate
on 21-22 June (Virtual from 21-25 June)**

Summary of precautions:

1. BioTrinity 2021 is being delivered in a fully hybrid format, so if you are uncomfortable or unable to travel to the London venue in person, we recommend you purchase a virtual ticket to the conference – if you are attending the conference in person then you will also have the opportunity to partner with virtual delegates and view all presentations on-demand on the interactive virtual platform.
2. All delegates will be encouraged to take a government issued lateral flow COVID-19 test the night before attending the conference.
3. If required, delegate numbers at BioTrinity will not exceed 50% of the venue's capacity
4. Onsite at the conference we are reducing all touch points where possible, include a self-service delegate registration system.
5. The venue will be deep cleaned and the air purified on the night before the conference and the middle night of the conference
6. There is a fresh-air air conditioning system in place throughout the whole venue.
7. No buffets, all food will be pre-boxed and single use.
8. Disposable (and recyclable) cups will be provided for water and coffee/tea will be supplied.
9. We will not be using enclosed shell scheme for the partnering area this year, with all meetings taking place on spaced out open tables that will be wiped down between use.
10. Separate entry and exit routes made available where possible.
11. Plenty of antibacterial wipes available and hand sanitisation points for delegate use
12. Extra venue staff on site to clean bathrooms and communal event spaces
13. If the track and trace app is still in use, we will kindly ask all delegates to download this and have it activated.
14. Pending the final stages of the lockdown easing, delegates may be required to wear masks whilst moving around the venue, but won't be required when in a meeting, once seated in the BioLaunchPad and in the Keynote and Panel sessions



[View the venue's 18 point Covid safety plan here](#)