

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 venue, we use for the OBN Awards on 11 June, is 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](#)