

# British Dance Council

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## Reply from the DMCS - Department of Culture, Media and Sport Couples/Partner Dancing

The British Dance Council has received the following reply from the DCMS after consulting them regarding Couples/Partner dancing. This is the reply below.

The BDC is not a department within the Government and does not carry scientific or medical advice, so the information received is as below. It will be clear that this only applies to venues that are allowed to reopen and are COVID-19 secure.

Quote -

*Apologies for the delay : Group dancing (i.e more than one person) has been thought out in the context of the guidance and how they could be carried out.*

*Steps included in the guidance that are relevant to this context (taken from sections 4.6 & 4.7) are:*

- Avoiding any training exercises that compromise the social distancing guidelines set out in Section 3.*
- Where it is essential for performers in training to breach social distancing, keeping them in place for the minimum possible time.*
- Avoiding face-to-face positions where possible.*
- Maintaining social distancing wherever possible in rehearsals and performance. If close contact is absolutely essential, minimising this and using fixed teams where possible.*
- Mapping out productions in advance of commencing in-person rehearsals.*

*The guidance is taken from <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>*

- End of Quote