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SUBJECT: COVID-19 – Frozen Exemption

Please attribute to a NSW Health spokesperson:

The Minister for Health has granted an exemption to allow the Capitol Theatre to have 85 per cent capacity for the musical Frozen, subject to a number of conditions.

NSW Health worked with the applicant to review their comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan for the Capitol Theatre to ensure the risk associated with increased numbers could be appropriately managed.

The conditions include a requirement for all people aged 12 and over to wear masks and the exclusion of anyone who lives in an area of local community transmission.

The NSW Government continues to consider the capacity for other entertainment productions. However, no final decisions have yet been made.

Under COVID-19 public health orders, theatres in NSW are permitted to have 50 per cent capacity to a maximum of 1,000 people for seated and ticketed events, or one person per 4 square metres.