

## **Fun-loving Brits glam up for Boxing Day night out amid fears Omicron will wreck New Year's Eve p**

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Glammed up Brits hit the clubs on Boxing Day night amid fears it could be one of the last opportunities to get dressed up for a while amid New Year lockdown concerns.

It comes the night before Boris Johnson holds a crunch meeting with government medical advisers on whether to resist a New Year's Eve-wrecking lockdown.

A string of hugely positive studies show Omicron is milder than other strains, with the risk of hospitalisation between 50 to 70 per cent lower than with Delta.

Covid booster jabs protect against Omicron and offer the best chance to get through the pandemic, health officials have repeatedly said.

The Sun's Jabs Army campaign is helping get the vital extra vaccines in Brits' arms to ward off the need for any new restrictions.

In Wigan, partygoers scrubbed up with fancy dress for an annual Boxing Day tradition unique to the town, cancelled last year due to Covid restrictions.

Revellers poured on to the streets dressed as everything from sharks to Oompas Loompas regardless of frosty temperatures.

Similarly, girls in Leeds weren't afraid of a little arctic breeze and donned their best silk slip dresses and heels to hit the town centre.

Newcastle's clubbers also headed out for dance seen in strappy sandals, tiny dresses and bare legs despite the wind and rain.

Lads looked a little more cold-sensitive wearing raincoats and trainers.

In Liverpool, huge queues were seen snaking around the corner of clubs as revellers took what could be the last opportunity to go clubbing as Covid with fears of venues closing in the New Year.

Boris Johnson will today hold D-Day talks on Covid as publicans urged him to resist a New Year's Eve-wrecking lockdown.

The PM is battling calls for new restrictions which would ban indoor drinking in pubs.

Instead, he is leaning towards guidance urging people to be careful over how many others they meet.

But he will make his decision only after a crunch meeting with medical advisers Professor Chris Whitty and Sir Patrick Vallance on Covid hospitalisation rates today.

The PM and his advisers will trawl through new numbers on the rates in London – dubbed Omicron ground zero and seen as the canary in the coal mine for Covid.

But as the clock counts down to New Year's Eve, Government insiders reckon it is growing less likely Parliament will be recalled early to vote on a new lockdown.

Instead, the PM is expected to stick to his plan to roll out boosters at lightning speed.

He may also follow Scottish leader Nicola Sturgeon by urging those in England to be cautious over how many people they socialise with if the data is grim.

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