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New restrictions imposed on Ibiza after contagion spreads

THE Balearic government decided yesterday to impose new restrictions on the tourism hot-spot capital of Ibiza after the coronavirus contagion spread quickly there over the past weeks.

The restrictions on residents' activities will last 15 days.

The measures include a ban on parties of more than five people, the shutdown of playgrounds and the closure of bars and restaurants at 10 pm, regional authorities said in a statement.

They also recommended that people

stay home for all but indispensable activities, without making that a mandatory confinement.

The contagion rate in the city of Ibiza, known for its night life that attracts thousands of tourists all year long, has been three times as high as in the rest of the Balearic Islands over the past two weeks. Meanwhile, the Madrid region and the Spanish government kept fighting over whether and how to extend a partial lockdown that applies to some of the poorer districts of the capital city to more areas.



● After years of to-ing and fro-ing with the Council of Majorca, Sir Richard Branson has finally been **granted approval to reform and extend the main house on his Son Bunyola Estate.**

● Sir Richard **told the *Majorca Daily Bulletin* that he wants to build the most luxurious hotel in the Mediterranean** on his 251 hectare estate. **SEE PAGE 3**

CLOSURE OF PUNTA BALLENA ESTABLISHMENTS EXTENDED

Palma.—The Balearic health ministry has extended the order to close establishments which sell alcohol on the Calle Punta Ballena in Magalluf and the calles Miquel Pel·liosa and Pare Bartomeu Salvà in

Playa de Palma at least until the first of November. In July, the government ordered the closure of these establishments because of the way in which the pandemic was evolving and also because of crowds of tourists on the streets. At the time, the mayor of Calvià, Alfonso Rodríguez, voiced his support for the closure of Punta Bal-

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lena, noting that the town hall had been working for the past five years on "eradicating excesses".

The order was initially until the first of October.

Although there has been an improvement with the health situation over the past fortnight, Majorca continues to be at high risk of transmission.

For this reason, the government has decided to extend the order.

