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Diweddariad am y brechlyn Vaccination Update



Cylchlythyr Wythnosol Weekly Newsletter

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Weekly Progress (15th - 22nd February)

We have now vaccinated **164,196** people across our Health Board area.



A high percentage of those within Group 5; aged 65-69 years have now been vaccinated. GPs will be vaccinating eligible individuals within priority Group 6. This Group includes adults aged 16 to 64 years, with underlying health conditions that put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality.

Frequently asked questions about group 6:

Will people with ME/CFS be eligible for vaccination in Priority Group 6?

People with ME/CFS are unlikely to be vaccinated in Group 6 unless they have associated compromised respiratory function, or other conditions that would qualify them to have the vaccine.

Do people with Asthma fall into Priority Group 6 for vaccination?

People with severe asthma (defined as regular use of oral corticosteroids -3 courses in previous 6 months - or previously requiring asthma-related hospital admission) are included in Group 6.

Individuals with mild to moderate asthma are not in Group 6.

The following link provides further definitions of clinical risk groups that are included in the JCVI priority Group 6 (please refer to the table on page 10 of the document):

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/961287/Greenbook_chapter_14a_v7_12Feb2021.pdf

Guidance will be published by Welsh Government on the definition of carers and their eligibility for vaccinations. The guidance will be outlined in a future edition of the newsletter, as soon as the information is available. We appreciate that there are questions but would ask people not to contact their GPs, or the Health Board, until the guidance is published.

Total number of people across our Health Board area to receive their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine (up to 22/02/2021)

164,196

Weekly Vaccination Figures (15th - 22nd February)

Age 80 years and over 90.5%

Age 75-79 years 92.8%

Age 70-74 years 93.1%

Age 65-69 years 75%

Vaccinations given at GP Practices 54,115



The Week Ahead (22nd February - 1st March)

This week, we have a planned vaccine supply of 23,480.

Second Doses

Please be aware that we have started to send out letter invitations to all those that are due their second vaccination dose for the Pfizer vaccine. Where supply allows we will be bringing some appointments forward.

If you received the Pfizer vaccine and you are sent an appointment that is prior to the 12 week expected gap, please be assured that this invitation is genuine and you should attend your scheduled appointment. Please ensure you bring the letter and some form of ID.



Caerphilly Team Vaccinators

The Caerphilly vaccination team, operating as three teams of two, undertook over 400 of the Caerphilly housebound vaccinations. The teams consisted of Sian Margetts, Allison Morris and Sharon Griffin, who were supported by District Nursing Students. The students were a fantastic support, earning much praise from the team. The team are extremely grateful to the Student Education Leads and all those involved.

Vaccinating Wales: the first major milestone

Dr Liam Taylor, Deputy Medical Director of the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, was a guest last week on BBC Radio Wales, Eye on Wales. Dr Liam Taylor, along with other specialists, discussed the progress of the coronavirus vaccination programme, with host Oliver Hides. If you missed the insightful discussion, you can catch up on the BBC website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000s980>



Dave and Shirley

Staff at our Newbridge Mass Vaccination Centre were delighted to vaccinate some familiar faces last week - Gogglebox's Dave and Shirley!

The couple were very happy to receive their vaccines and provided a great morale boost for our vaccination staff.

To find out which priority group you fall under, please visit:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-30-december-2020>

Public Health Wales publish daily vaccination figures on their website:
<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/viz/home/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

For further information and FAQs on the delivery, eligibility and safety of the vaccine, please visit:
<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information/about-the-vaccine/>

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Vaccination Deployment

Age 80 & over GP Practices	
Age 72-79	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 70-71	GP Practices
Extremely Clinically Vulnerable	GP Practices
Age 65-69	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 60-64	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 55-59	GP Practices
Age 50-54	Mass Vaccination Centres
Housebound	Mobile Teams
Group 6	GP Practices

Appointments

We appreciate that there are some people within priority groups 1-4 that we haven't yet been able to vaccinate for a number of reasons.

If you are aged 80 years and over, aged 70-71 or clinically extremely vulnerable and have not been invited for an appointment, please contact your GP. For those that are aged 72-79, if you have not yet received your appointment letter, please complete the form via the following link:
<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/aged-72-79-and-not-received-your-invitation/>

If you have an appointment, please make every effort to attend. Please do not contact the booking centre or your GP practice if you have not yet received an appointment letter.