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Diweddariad am y brechlyn Vaccination Update



Cylchlythyr Wythnosol Weekly Newsletter

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Weekly Progress (6 - 12 April)



We have now given a total of **400,473** vaccines (a combination of 1st and 2nd doses) across our Health Board area. This week we started vaccinating those aged 40-49, and by the end of next week, everyone within this age group should have received their appointment letter.

Vaccines are the best way to protect people from COVID-19 and have already saved thousands of lives. Vaccination is highly effective and substantially reduces the risk of infection and severe Covid-19 disease. Everyone should continue to get their vaccination when asked to do so unless specifically advised otherwise.

For those aged 29 years and under who are not in a clinical risk group, the JCVI has amended their guidance which now states that this cohort should be offered an alternative to the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, if available.

For further information, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/use-of-the-astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine-jcvi-statement/jcvi-statement-on-use-of-the-astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine-7-april-2021>.

Residents are able to discuss queries with nurses at the vaccination centre.

Total number of
Covid-19 vaccines given
across our Health Board
area (combination of
1st and 2nd doses)

400,473

Total 1st dose **298,763**

Total 2nd dose **101,710**
(up to 12/04/2021)

VACCINATION FIGURES

(up to 12/04/2021)

Age 75 years and over



Age 70-74 years



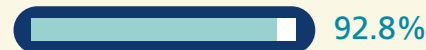
Age 65-69 years



Group 6 (at risk)



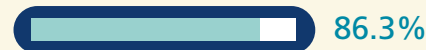
Age 60-64 years



Age 55-59 years



Age 50-54 years



Age 40-49 years



Appointments

50 years old and missed your appointment?

Everyone aged 50 years and over should now have been invited for their vaccine. If for any reason you have not received an invite, please fill in the form on our website:

<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/aged-50-and-above-and-not-received-your-covid-19-vaccination-appointment/>.



Please also ensure that your details with your registered GP practice are up-to-date so invites are sent to the correct address.



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Thank you for your continued support.
Together we will help keep Gwent safe.

1000 Immunisers



Since beginning in December 2020, over 1000 immunisers have received training in the Mass Vaccination Centres. Initially, these were Health Board staff who were redeployed or had volunteered to vaccinate in addition to their contracted hours. The new recruits began to filter into the programme at Christmas, shortly followed by the military personnel. Legislative changes then enabled

vaccinators to participate from a much wider professional background. The staff groups included Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors, Physiotherapists, Pharmacists, Doctors, Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Health Care Support Workers, Student nurses and many others including retired staff.

The immunisation team initiated the training programme and were subsequently supported by workforce to develop an enthusiastic and competent team of trainers. Their ethos was to foster a warm and welcoming supportive environment for all staff. The training team is extremely proud of what has been achieved in a short period of time, it has been so rewarding knowing that they have played a crucial role in delivering the high quality vaccination programme.

Vaccinations during Ramadan

Having your vaccination during Ramadan is not counted as breaking the fast as medicines are exempt.

For further information, please visit <https://english.alarabiya.net/coronavirus/2021/03/04/Coronavirus-COVID-19-vaccine-does-not-break-Ramadan-fast-UK-Muslim-medical-experts-urge>

If you have had your vaccination

It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination. **It is important to continue to follow all safety guidelines** to help protect yourself. We do not yet know whether the Covid-19 vaccination will stop you from catching and passing on the virus.

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#!/vizhome/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/>

Vaccination Deployment

Age 80 & over GP Practices	
Age 72-79	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 70-71	GP Practices
Group 4	GP Practices
Age 65-69	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 60-64	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 55-59	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 52-54	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 50-51	GP Practices
Age 40-49	Mass Vaccination Centres
Housebound	Mobile Teams
Group 6	GP Practices

Please be on time

Please refrain from turning up more than 5 minutes early for your vaccine appointment. Whilst we appreciate you being punctual for your appointment, turning up too early can cause traffic congestion and queues at our vaccination centres.

Are your details up-to-date?

Please ensure your details, including address and telephone number are up-to-date with your GP practice.

This information enables us to invite you for your vaccination.

We will continue to keep you updated, however due to a number of variable factors, such as the supply of vaccine, allocated plans can change at short notice.

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