

# Diweddariad am y brechlyn Vaccination Update



*Cylchlythyr Wythnosol* Weekly Newsletter

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## Weekly Progress (22nd - 29th March)



We have now given a total of **360,183** vaccines (a combination of 1st and 2nd doses) across our Health Board area – this means that more than half of the Health Board's adult population (51%) have now received their first dose of the vaccine!

This is a fantastic achievement for everyone involved in the programme and we want to thank you all for having your vaccine when invited.

We'd like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. Please note that due to the Easter Bank Holiday, our next edition of this Vaccine Newsletter will be published on Tuesday 6th April.



### Wales' first vaccine clinic in a mosque opens in Newport

The Jamia mosque in Newport opened its doors as a community Covid-19 vaccination centre on Tuesday (March 23rd).

The mosque was the first in Wales to be used to administer the vaccination. The drop-in clinic for over-60s served the whole community, but it was hoped it would help to overcome any vaccine hesitancy among the city's Muslim population.

Whilst the Health Board has made every effort to contact those who fall under the relevant priority groups within these communities, there have been cases where an offer of a vaccination has not been accepted. With Clinics such as this one operating in a different environment, local people have the opportunity to receive their vaccination in an alternative, more comfortable location.

Dr Kasim Ramzen, a local GP and member of Muslim Doctors Cymru, assured patients that the vaccine was halal and having it would not break Ramadan fasts. He said having the clinic in the mosque helped to vaccinate people "we have never been able to access before".

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

**360,183**

Total 1st dose **271,523**

Total 2nd dose **88,660**  
(up to 29/03/2021)

### VACCINATION FIGURES

(up to 29/03/2021)

Age 80 years and over



Age 75-79 years



Age 70-74 years



Age 65-69 years



Group 6 (at risk)



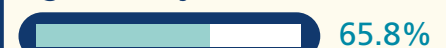
Age 60-64 years



Age 55-59 years



Age 50-54 years



## Appointments

If you are aged 50 years and above, and have missed your appointment or have not been vaccinated, please contact us by filling 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/>

If you received your first dose of Pfizer vaccine between 7th December 2020 and 29th February 2021 and have not received your invite for your second dose of vaccine, please visit: <https://abuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/pfizer-first-dose-between-07-12-2020-and-28-02-2021-but-not-received-notification-of-second-dose/>.

Those who have received their first dose of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine should expect to receive their second dose 11-12 weeks later, unless there are individual clinical reasons to use a shorter interval. The programme will commence the rollout of second dose AstraZeneca appointments from March 27th.

The eligibility form for relevant unpaid carers is now live on our website, please visit <https://abuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/unpaid-carers/> for further information.

## 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.



## 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
Housebound	Mobile Teams
Group 6	GP Practices

## Myth Buster #3

**Myth:** "The vaccines aren't safe because they were developed quickly."

**Fact:** The efficiency of COVID-19 vaccine production is thanks to the prioritisation of this important development by the manufacturer.

Before production, vaccines need to go through clinical trials, which include rigorous safety checks and a well-established process. This part of the vaccine development was not compromised; lengthy approval processes were prioritised above other new medical developments.

Furthermore, COVID-19 is similar to other coronaviruses we've seen previously e.g. MERS and SARS, so there was research already available that sped up the process of development.