

# Diweddariad am y brechlyn Vaccination Update



*Cylchlythyr Wythnosol* Weekly Newsletter

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## Weekly Progress (5 - 10 May)

We are extremely proud to announce that we have now hit the momentous milestone of administering half a million vaccinations. We have given a total of 514,091 vaccines (a combination of 1st and 2nd doses) across our Health Board area.

### New JCVI Guidance

Unvaccinated individuals aged under 40 (with no clinical risk factors) will be offered the Pfizer vaccine for first doses in all our Mass Vaccination Centres from Friday 7th May 2021 in line with the updated JCVI guidance.

There have been reports of extremely rare adverse events of concurrent blood clots and low platelet count following vaccination with the first dose of the AZ vaccine. On Friday 7th May, the JCVI announced that as a precaution, unvaccinated adults aged 30-39 years who are not in a clinical priority group at higher risk of severe COVID-19 disease, should be offered an alternative to the Oxford AstraZeneca (AZ) COVID-19 vaccine, where possible and only where this is available and only if this does not cause any substantial delays in being vaccinated. This is already the case with adults under 30 years.

Everybody who has already had a first dose of the AZ vaccine should be reassured that they can receive a second dose of the same brand, irrespective of age, in line with JCVI advice. JCVI considers that there continues to be currently no safety concerns identified for this extremely rare adverse events following second dose of the AZ vaccine. The second dose will be important for longer lasting protection against COVID-19 virus.

The AZ vaccine has already saved thousands of lives and remains safe and effective for the majority of the population. Over 1.2 million people have received the AZ vaccine in Wales since January.

If people have concerns, then they are able to discuss these with a vaccinator or healthcare professional, who will be fully informed and can provide advice.

## VACCINATION FIGURES

(up to 10/05/2021)

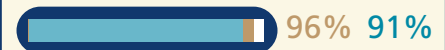
Total number of Covid-19 vaccines given across our Health Board area (combination of 1st and 2nd doses)

# 514,091

Total 1st dose **357,426**

Total 2nd dose **156,665**

Age 70 years and over



Age 65-69 years



Group 6 (at risk)



Age 60-64 years



Age 55-59 years



Age 50-54 years



Age 40-49 years



Age 30-39 years



## Appointments

Everyone aged 30 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-30-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.

## Side Effects

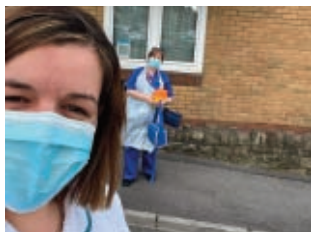
Serious side effects are very rare however, if you experience any of the following from around 4 days to 4 weeks after vaccination you should seek medical advice urgently:

- A new, severe headache which is not helped by usual painkillers or is getting worse
- A headache which seems to get worse when lying down or bending over
- An unusual headache that may be accompanied by:
- Blurred vision, nausea and vomiting
- Difficulty with your speech
- Weakness, drowsiness or seizures
- New, unexplained pinprick bruising or bleeding
- Shortness of breath, chest pain, leg swelling or persistent abdominal pain

If you have already had a first dose of AstraZeneca vaccine without suffering these very rare side effects you should complete the course with a second dose of AstraZeneca.

For more information and FAQs visit Public Health Wales' website:

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information/patient-information/covid-19-vaccination-and-blood-clotting/>



## Good News Story

Our District Nurses and Rapid Response Team have been working hard to deliver 2nd dose vaccinations for patients who are housebound across our Health Board communities. They have now vaccinated 46% of those that are housebound.

Eve Hancocks, staff member for the Blaenau Gwent district nursing team said *"I feel so privileged to be part of the team that is helping to fight this 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/>



## 500,000 Vaccinations

We are so proud of our vaccination teams who are working extremely hard to administer vaccines as safely and quickly as possible. We would also like to thank the public for their patience, understanding and support.

## 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 25-49	Mass Vaccination Centres
Housebound	Mobile Teams
Group 6	GP Practices