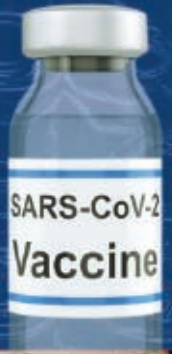


Diweddariad am y brechlyn Vaccination Update



Cylchlythyr Wythnosol Weekly Newsletter

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Weekly Progress (6 - 13 December)

We are continuing to accelerate the rollout of the Covid-19 Booster Vaccination programme in our Health Board area, as we work rapidly towards Welsh Government's vaccination targets. We have greatly increased the number of appointments we are offering and have extended the opening hours of our vaccination centres. Our vaccination teams are working extremely hard to deliver increased Booster doses as quickly and safely as possible.

Please help us by:

- Attending the first appointment you are offered.
- Not contacting the booking centre to rearrange.
- Attending your appointment on time.
- Not contacting the booking centre to make an appointment - we will contact you (this may be at short notice, by letter or text)

BOOSTER VACCINATION FIGURES

(up to 10pm, 12/12/2021)

Age 80 and over	25,080	86.4%
75-79 years	20,800	87.7%
70-74 years	28,526	87.1%
65-69 years	27,643	84.7%
60-64 years	29,166	77.0%
55-59 years	29,688	66.0%
50-54 years	21,958	49.5%
Clinically extremely vulnerable	6,618	45.0%
At risk groups	40,068	58.4%

Following the new JCVI guidance, **BOOSTER APPOINTMENTS ARE BEING MADE IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY ORDER** for people whose second dose was more than 3 months ago.

People age 80 years and over and frontline health and care workers including care home workers

People age 75-79 years

People age 70-74 and adults who are clinically extremely vulnerable

People age 65-69 years

People age 16-64 years with underlying health conditions

People age 60-64 years

People age 55-59 years

People age 50-54 years

People age 40-49 years

People age 30-39 years

People age 18-29 years

We aim to offer everyone over the age of 18 years a Booster vaccination appointment by end of December 2021.

PLEASE BE PATIENT, WE WILL CONTACT YOU.

One year of the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme



It has been one year since our ambitious Mass Vaccination Programme began and we administered our very first Covid-19 vaccinations to our local population, taking our first steps towards protecting Gwent from Coronavirus.

The past 21 months have posed more challenges than our Health Board has ever had to face and we have now been asked to extend our Covid-19 vaccination programme even further, as well as to deliver it in record time.

Our staff are now working even longer and harder to protect as many residents as possible from this virus, and we are so grateful to them for their commitment and dedication.

Our Mass Vaccination Programme couldn't have been a success without the support and understanding of our residents. We'd like to thank everyone who has taken up the offer of a Covid-19 vaccination and put their trust in us to protect them and their loved ones.

Vaccine Safety

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) have statutory responsibility for approval for use and monitoring safety of medicines including vaccines. MHRA have approved the Pfizer BioNTech, Oxford Astra Zeneca and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for use in the UK as safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines.

For a vaccine to reach the general public it will have to work and be safe.

There may be a misconception that vaccine research takes a long time but it isn't just the research that takes the time – it's all the steps beforehand, like getting funding and getting approved. What's sped up in the development of a COVID-19 vaccine is the funding.

The UK Government funded development of COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials to get them up and running quickly.

It has also been helped by new technology, including the ability to rapidly manufacture vaccines. And supply – the vaccine started to be produced so that as soon as it was known to be safe and effective it could be made available.

For further information visit: <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information/about-the-vaccine/>

FIRST DOSE VACCINATION – LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

Anyone who is aged 12 years and above, and yet to receive a first dose vaccination, can now walk in to any of our mass vaccination clinics to receive their FIRST dose vaccination.

To find out where and when our clinics are,

<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/our-vaccination-centres/>

or call **0300 303 1373** to book your appointment.

NHS Covid Pass Information available at

<https://gov.wales/get-your-nhs-covid-pass#section-70608>

Or by calling 0300 303 5667

For further information on the Covid-19 Vaccination please visit:

<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/>

Public Health Wales Vaccination information:

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-andvaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information/>

Dress for colder weather when coming for your vaccination appointment



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#HelpUsHelpYou

Due to high volumes, there may be queues at our Mass Vaccination Centres - we apologise if there are delays, but please be patient and dress for colder weather in case you are asked to wait outside.