

# Diweddariad am y brechlyn Vaccination Update



*Cylchlythyr Wythnosol* Weekly Newsletter

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## Weekly Progress (22nd February - 1st March)

We have now given a total of **198,700** vaccines across our Health Board area. **By the end of today we will have administered over 200,000 vaccines** (a combination of 1st and 2nd doses). This incredible figure comes just 24 days after reaching our total of 100,000 vaccines being given.

We have now vaccinated 89.9% of Group 5, those aged 65-69 years. 22,548 have now received their second dose of vaccine.

GPs are currently vaccinating eligible individuals within priority Group 6 and have currently vaccinated 18,612 people. This Group includes adults aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality and relevant unpaid carers.

Revised JCVI national guidance describes relevant unpaid carers as: "Those who are eligible for a carer's allowance, or those who are the sole or primary carer of an elderly or disabled person who is at increased risk of COVID-19 mortality and therefore **clinically vulnerable**. Those clinically vulnerable to COVID include children with severe neurodisabilities, those who are designated Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (Shielding), adults who have underlying health conditions and those who need care because of advanced age. Eligible carers should be vaccinated in priority group 6."

Welsh Government issued guidance on 24 February 2021 stating which groups of unpaid carers should be prioritised for vaccination. There are three important factors to consider below:

- I. The vulnerability of the person being cared for
  - Is 65 years and over (group 5)
  - Is deemed extremely clinically vulnerable (group 4)
  - Has underlying health condition (group 6)
  - Is a child under 16 with complex medical needs/severe neuro-disabilities
- II. The nature of the care provided to those 16 and over
- III. The unpaid carer is the sole or primary carer

Full details at <https://gov.wales/covid-19-vaccination-and-unpaid-carers>

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board's approach to support paid or unpaid carers is as per the JCVI and Welsh Government guidance.

Your GP will be aware of the needs of you and your family. If you meet the criteria above, you will be contacted by your GP as soon as a vaccine supply becomes available for you. If you have not been contacted in three weeks, please get in touch with your GP.

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

**198,700**

Total 1st dose **176,152**

Total 2nd dose **22,548**

(up to 10pm 28/02/2021)

## VACCINATION FIGURES

(up to 10pm 28/02/2021)

Age 80 years and over	91.3%
Age 75-79 years	93.8%
Age 70-74 years	94.3%
Age 65-69 years	89.9%
Group 6	18,612

## Housebound Patients

The Health Board is continuing to vaccinate people who are housebound and the vast majority of these patients have already received a vaccine.

We are deploying teams of District Nurses, GPs, and mobile units to roll-out the vaccine to those that are housebound and eligible in line with the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) priority groups 1-6.

Housebound patients will be contacted before they are due to be vaccinated so they know when to expect a visit from the team.

## A St David's Day welcome in Newbridge



The Vaccination team at Newbridge Mass Vaccination Centre were on hand to offer a warm welsh welcome today, as they filled the centre with daffodils to celebrate St David's Day.

Every member of staff with a role at the centre, from Immunisers, Admin staff and Pharmacists, to Leisure Centre staff and Military colleagues, wore a daffodil for our Patron Saint of Wales. Dydd Gŵyl Dewi hapus!

## What to expect when having your vaccination

You will receive information about when and where to get vaccinated. On the day of your appointment, wear practical clothing so it's easy to access your upper arm. If you have a fear of needles or feel anxious, let the person giving you your vaccine know. They will be understanding and can support you. It is important to have both doses of the vaccine to give you the best longer-term protection. Keep your vaccine card safe and make sure you take it to your second dose appointment.

## Thank you for your support

A huge thank you to everyone for sending in so many positive messages following vaccination appointments...

*"I received my Covid Vaccine last Monday at Cwmbbran Sports Village and I want to thank all those involved for their skill and efficient, friendly professionalism in ensuring that the whole procedure went smoothly. I am very grateful."* Marilyn Rankin

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/>

## 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	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 50-54	GP Practices
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.