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## CTM UHB COVID-19 Vaccination Update Issue 54 – 07/02/22

### CTM UHB live on GTFM Community Radio

This week, Friday February 11, at 10:30am we will be live on air with GTFM on the Community Link Programme. Hawys Youlden is one of our special immunisation nurses and she will be taking part in a Q and A session with the presenter, talking about the COVID-19 vaccine for young people and pregnant women. No need for a radio; you can tune in online here: [GTFM – Playing the Music of Your Life](#)

### Booster Update

Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB vaccination teams have now given a total of **273,758 boosters**, which is **81.03%** of the eligible population – eligible meaning if you are aged 16 + and received your 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine at least 13 weeks ago or are aged 12-15 years and in a clinical risk group. (For those of you keeping an eagle eye on the figures; this is lower than last week's figure as an error occurred in the data, with some boosters and third doses counted twice.) This figure and all other subsequent data in this week's update is correct as on Monday February 7, 2022.



The table below shows the total number of vaccines given with the percentage of eligible people in that group who have received their booster jab.

Booster Group	Total Administered	% of Eligible Group
Age 80 and over	21,680	95.23%
70-79 years	42,023	96.3%
60-69 years	49,830	93.92%
50-59 years	57,716	89.3%
40-49 years	42,718	81.77%
30-39 years	38,148	69.62%
20-29 years	29,293	62.18%
18 -19 years	4,832	33.48%
>17 years	386	4.81%
Clinically extremely vulnerable	6,613	46.48%
Immunosuppressed	3,201	39.79%
At Risk (P6)	41,043	74.50%

## Vaccinating children aged 5-11 years in clinical risk groups or who are a household contact of someone who is immunosuppressed.

We have started vaccinating 5-11 years old with certain underlying conditions and those who are a household contact of someone who is immunosuppressed. We are offering the vaccine to this cohort of children following recommendations from the JCVI, which was announced in December 2021.



We would encourage you to look at the vaccine information on the Public Health Wales website, so you can make an informed decision for your child. [Patient information - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/public-health-wales/).

Last week, more than 300 children visited our community vaccination centres, receiving their first vaccine in our specially adapted child friendly areas.

If you couldn't attend, please call the number on the letter we sent you and our teams will take your details to arrange another appointment.

The parents of those who were able to attend have given us positive feedback, both verbally to our teams and on our social media channels. We received lots of lovely comments thanking our staff for the efforts in creating comfortable spaces for the children.



All our staff made a huge effort and they should be commended for the hard work they put in. A little butterfly, has spread the word that Ravens Court had some help from some very special little helpers.

And the team there would like to thank the staff and pupils from Ysgol Calon Y Cymoedd, who helped create the colourful butterflies that were spread along a trail into the vaccine and seating areas.

### Parents – Do you have any questions?



We are giving parents the opportunity to ask any questions they may have on the vaccine and can offer a telephone appointment with one of our nurses from the Special Immunisation Team.

Call the number of your appointment letter or fill in the online form requesting a telephone consultation.

## Vaccinating children aged 5-11 who live with someone who is immunosuppressed.

We have had a good response to our request for parents to let us know if they have a child living in a household with a patient who is immunosuppressed. We have received many requests for appointments via our online booking form and we are currently working through the requests so that we can send appointments out as quickly as possible.

If you think your child is in a clinical risk group or they are living with someone who may be immunosuppressed you can fill in the online form and we can check eligibility. The form can be found here: [online-covid-booking-form - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)



## Children Aged 12 – 15

Children aged 12-15 can walk in for first or second doses. Check eligibility criteria online: [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

Children aged 12-15 who are eligible for a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose or a booster (clinically vulnerable children or living with someone who is immunosuppressed) are being contacted when their vaccine is due.

## Young People 16 – 17

Appointments for booster jabs for young people aged 16-17 continue to be sent when your vaccine becomes due, which is 13 weeks after your 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. If you have missed your first or second dose, you can walk in to one of community vaccination centres or request an appointment on line: [online-covid-booking-form - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

## Adults over 18+

All Adults 18 and over would have been sent an appointment for all vaccinations (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Booster).

If you have missed one or all of your appointments, it is very important that you complete the course of vaccinations to maximise your protection. Covid – 19 has not gone away and there is also the risk of a new variant in the future, which being fully vaccinated will give you the best opportunity for protection.

If you want more information, please go to the Public Health Wales web-site: [COVID-19 vaccination information - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](https://nhs.uk/covid-19/vaccination-information)

If you want your vaccine, you have 3 options:

1. Walk in to our Community Vaccination Centres – see details below.
2. Fill in the online request for, which can be found at: [online-covid-booking-form - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://nhs.uk/covid-19/vaccination-information)
3. Contact our Booking Line on: 01443 281 163

## Pregnant Women



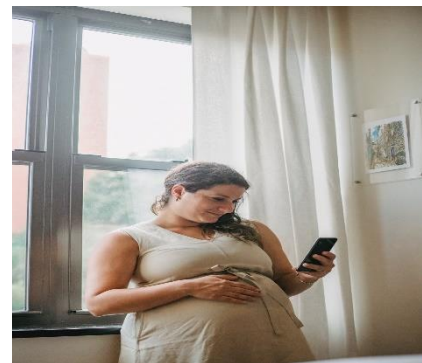
We are seeing many pregnant women attend for their vaccination, and we are pleased that many of you have made that decision. However, Public Health Wales has stressed that this figure is low and that we must do all we can to give you the correct information for you to make the right choice for you and your baby.

COVID-19 vaccination is strongly recommended for pregnant women at all stages of their pregnancy and for breastfeeding mums.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), an independent expert group, has advised that pregnant women are more at risk of serious consequences from COVID-19 disease.

If you are pregnant it is important that you are fully vaccinated as soon as possible. We ask that you do not delay vaccination until after you have given birth. This is to protect you and your baby. You can get more information from your midwife or you can find lots more information on pregnancy and COVID-19 vaccinations on the Public Health Website: [COVID-19 vaccination and pregnancy - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/vaccination-and-pregnancy/).

Alternatively you can request a telephone consultation from one of our nurses from our Special Immunisation Team. [Pregnancy & Covid vaccine - online form - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/vaccination-and-pregnancy/)



## Vaccine Progress





## Total Vaccines

The total number of vaccines administered across all three local authorities is **993,758** (Figures correct Monday February 7, 2022). Our uptake of first dose (everyone received at least one dose) is **363,902** – 88.48%; second dose (everyone received at least 2 doses) is **348,809** – 96.09%; third doses is **6,760** – 94.31% and boosters **273,758** – 81.03%.

**Table - The number of total vaccines given (to everyone aged 12+) within each Local Authority**

Local Authority	1 <sup>st</sup> Dose No. of People	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose No. of People	3 <sup>rd</sup> Primary Dose No. of People	Booster No. of People	Total number of Vaccines
Bridgend CBC	111,702	107,485	1,765	82,207	307,574
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	45,288	43,258	1,165	33,642	123,353
Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC	186,180	178,439	5,376	140,350	510,345
Other CBC ( includes CTM staff who live outside of the three Local Authorities)					58,285

## Planning on Travelling Abroad?

Some of you will be planning a holiday abroad, but please be aware that many countries have requirements for travellers to be vaccinated before entering a country. Many countries now include the 'Booster' for eligibility for being fully vaccinated with some of Europe requiring you to be fully vaccinated up to 270 days before travel.



This is often a changing position, but you will find details on what you may require on: [Foreign travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)

It's never too late! So if you want to escape this summer, and have previously opted out or did not attend your vaccine appointments, you can change your mind. If you do, you can walk in to any of our community vaccination centres, or you can use our online form to request an appointment: [online-covid-booking-form - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

## Appointments

When you become eligible for your next vaccine, we will send you an appointment. If you have missed your last appointment you can walk in to any one of our centres.

## Walk in vaccine and booster jabs

You can still walk-in for you COVID-19 vaccine.

Check our website to see if you are eligible:

[WALK-IN VACCINES - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)



## Schedule for week commencing February 7, 2022

Walk-in times Open 9:30AM (Monday – Friday)

CVC	Mon 7	Tue 8	Wed 9	Thu 10	Fri 11	Monday – Friday Walk-in closing time	Sat Sun 12/13
Llantrisant		✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>6:00PM</b>	X
Bridgend	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>6:00PM</b>	X
Rhondda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>6:00PM</b>	X
Merthyr Tydfil	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>5:00PM</b>	X
Mountain Ash	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>5:00PM</b>	X



## Booking available online

If you would prefer an appointment, you can request one using our online form. This can be for boosters, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nd, or 3rd doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. You can find the form here: [online-covid-booking-form - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://nhs.uk/online-covid-booking-form)

Locations for CTM Community Vaccination Centres are as follows:

- **Llantrisant** CVC (Llantrisant Leisure Centre, CF72 8DJ)
- **Bridgend** CVC (Ravens Court, CF31 4AP)
- **Merthyr Tydfil** CVC (Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Centre, CF48 1UT)
- **Mountain Ash** CVC (Cynon Valley Indoor Bowls Centre, CF45 4DA)
- **Rhondda** CVC (Rhondda Sports Centre, CF41 7SY)



**NEXT WEEK – Forget Mis-Information - Get ready for a real date with Myth Busters.**

For more information about vaccine safety, please check out Public Health Wales' FAQs: Click here <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information/>

We have set up a dedicated vaccination advice line. It is open 7 days a week - 9:00am to 4:30pm. The number is **01685 726464**.

There is also a dedicated email address: [CTM.VaccinationEnquiries@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:CTM.VaccinationEnquiries@wales.nhs.uk)

Please note: The team cannot make, rearrange or cancel Covid-19 vaccine bookings. They are unable to answer individual clinical questions or questions about Covid passports. For more information on Covid Passports go to: [Get your NHS](https://nhs.uk/get-your-nhs)