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CTM UHB COVID-19 Vaccination Update

What is new since our last update?

We have hit the halfway point for our spring booster programme!

The poster is dark blue with yellow and white text. At the top left is the 'DIOGELU CYMRU KEEP WALES SAFE' logo. At the top center is a heart icon with the text 'Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau Vaccination saves lives'. At the top right is the 'Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government' logo. The main title 'Spring booster vaccinations' is in large yellow font, followed by 'To protect those at highest risk' in white. Below this is a shield icon containing a syringe and a checkmark. To the right of the shield is a list of eligible groups in yellow: 'Adults aged 75 and over', 'Residents in care homes', and 'Immunosuppressed people aged 12 and over'. At the bottom is the hashtag '#KeepWalesSafe' and a small code 'WG44202'.

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We have now given more than **29,000 spring boosters** (or booster number two) since the programme began. That means that **56%** of people eligible for a spring booster have now received it. We are still sending out appointments, so please do not worry if you are yet to receive yours, it will be with you shortly.

A reminder of who is eligible for the spring booster is below.

If you are:

- **Aged 75 years and over** – we are sending you an appointment letter to attend one of our three community vaccination centres (CVCs). Appointments are being sent out daily, so please do not worry at this stage if you are yet to receive one.
- **Aged 75 years and over but housebound** – our mobile vaccination teams will visit your home to give you the spring booster. Please be aware due to the logistics of administering the vaccine at home, we are planning to have offered all our eligible housebound patients their spring booster by the end of June.
- **A resident in a care home for older adults** – we have visited all of our care homes in Cwm Taf Morgannwg to offer a spring booster. Some homes we were unable to vaccinate everyone due to illness, and so we are now in the process of re-visiting those homes.
- **An Individual aged 12 years and over who are immunosuppressed** (as defined in in the [Green Book](#)) - we are sending you an appointment letter to attend one of our three community vaccination centres (CVCs). Appointments are being sent out daily, so please do not worry at this stage if you are yet to receive one.

Spring booster programme due to finish at the end of June

Our spring booster programme will finish on **30th June**.

This end date means that for people having their spring booster now, sufficient time will have passed between doses for them to have an **autumn booster** (if the JCVI deems them eligible for an autumn booster). We are waiting for announcements around an autumn 2022 COVID-19 booster programme, and will update you as soon as we know.

74 year olds ... soon to be 75

If you are 74 and will turn 75 before the 30th June, you are eligible for a spring booster. That is provided three months has passed since you had your first booster dose. We will be in touch with you as soon as you become eligible for booster number two.

[Do you have a question about our spring booster programme? Is the answer below?](#)

Q: I missed/was unable to attend my original appointment.

A: No problem at all. You have a couple of options, firstly, you can call our booking line (their number is on your original appointment letter) and they will make another appointment for you. Secondly, you can fill in the online form on our website. Link to the form is here: [Online COVID-19 Vaccine Booking Form - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

Q: Can I just walk-in for my spring booster?

A: We are sorry, but at this stage of the programme, we cannot offer walk-ins for the spring booster. If or when that changes, we will update everyone.

Q: Can I/or someone bring me to a drive-thru for my spring booster?

A: Of course! You do need an appointment though for our drive-thru clinics, but our teams will be happy to book you a slot. We have two drive-thru clinics, one in Merthyr Tydfil (**Keir Hardie University Health Park**, Aberdare Road, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1BZ) and the other in Bridgend (**Ysbyty'r Seren**, Bennett Street, Bridgend, CF31 3SH). You will not have to get out of the vehicle you are in while we give you the spring booster, so the drive-thru clinics are appropriate for anyone who has mobility issues.

Q: There is no way I can get to your remaining CVCs?

A: We carefully selected the location of our CVCs to try to make them as accessible as possible to the widest population. They are all easy to access, have parking and are on public transport routes.

If, however, there is no way you can access transport to get to one of our CVCs, we may be able to help.

Please call the booking team (their number is on your appointment letter). The team there will check your eligibility to access our **vaxi-taxi** service. Please be aware this will be an eligibility check not a guarantee you will be able to use our vaxi-taxi service.

[Did you know you can book a drive-thru spring booster?](#)

As mentioned in the Q&As above, we have two drive-thru clinics for our spring booster programme. You do need to book a slot, but is easy to do. When you receive your appointment letter please give our team a call, their number is on your letter, and they will arrange an appointment for you.

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The drive-thru is a perfect option if you are taking relatives for their spring booster. We have had some great feedback (below) from families who have used the drive-thru.

Finally, we know it sounds silly, but we have had a couple of people try and use the drive-thru on foot. This is not possible due to safety reasons. You can only book a drive-thru if you are using a vehicle.






Do you need to rebook your 5-11 year old's first vaccination appointment?

At this early stage of the programme, we have given nearly 18% of our 5-11 year olds their COVID-19 vaccine. Some of you have been unable to bring your children to one of our community vaccination centres due to COVID-19 positive test results for them or for you.

It is very easy to arrange a new appointment. You have a couple of options, firstly, you can call our booking line (their number is on your original appointment letter) and they will make another appointment for you. Secondly, you can fill in the online form on our website. Link to the form is here: [Online COVID-19 Vaccine Booking Form - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)


Please remember if your child has had COVID-19 **you must wait 12 weeks** from infection (positive test result) until they can have their first jab. The same time delay applies when we begin to offer second doses to this age group. There has been some confusion with parents thinking it is 28 days for this age group (but that only applies to children at serious risk from COVID-19).

COVID-19 vaccinations for 5-17 year olds

For individuals **not at greater risk** of serious disease from COVID-19 infection

	5-11	12-15	16-17
Primary Course	2 doses 12 weeks apart		
Booster	X	X	✓ at least 3 months interval



Recent COVID-19 infection?
Please wait **12 weeks** between infection and next vaccination

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Do you have a question about COVID-19 vaccinations for 5-11 year olds? Is the answer below?

Q: I would like some advice before I bring my child for a COVID-19 vaccine.

A: That is great, we would encourage you to do so. All we would ask is that you get your advice from trusted sources. Public Health Wales has a lot of information on its website about vaccinating 5-11 year olds, including the reasoning, risk of COVID-19, and safety of the vaccine etc. Have a read through the information, which will allow you and your family to decide together on whether you want your child/children to have the COVID-19 vaccine. Here is the link to Public Health Wales website [Patient information - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health-wales). There are also easy read, accessible versions.

Do not forget as well we have a dedicated vaccination advice line for 5-17 year olds and their parents/guardians. Having read all the information if you feel you still have a question then just fill in the form on our website, link here: [Advice line - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health-wales). One of our vaccination nurses will get back to you. The nurses are there for advice; they cannot make you a new appointment.

Finally, our vaccination teams are amazing, friendly and highly trained. They will make you, and your child, feel comfortable while they are having their vaccination. If your child is anxious about needles or vaccines, please let the team know when you arrive for your appointment. We will do anything we can to help.

You can read the JCVI's advice in full here: [JCVI statement on vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 years old - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/jcvi-statement-on-vaccination-of-children-5-to-11-years-old)

You can read Welsh Government's acceptance of that advice here: [COVID-19 vaccination of 5 to 11 year olds | GOV.WALES](#)

Q: Can we just walk-in for our child's vaccine?

A: No, sorry, we cannot offer walk-ins for children aged 5-11. This is because this age group is having a child's version of the COVID-19 vaccine, which needs to be prepared in advance to avoid any wastage.

Q: I have more than one child in this age group, and they all have separate appointments?

If you have more than one child in this age group, you will receive an appointment for each child – but for your convenience, you can bring all the children to one of those appointments. Feel free to attend whichever of the appointments is more convenient for you and your family. You do not need to let us know, you can just turn up.

Second dose for 12-15 year olds

We are inviting 12-15 year olds in for their second dose as they become due.

If you, or your 12-15 year old missed their second dose appointment, there are three options:

1. Call the booking team (their number is on your original appointment letter) to arrange a new appointment
2. Fill in the online booking form to request a new appointment. Link to the form is here: [Online COVID-19 Vaccine Booking Form - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)
3. Walk-in to any of our three community vaccination centres (when due for your second dose – 12 weeks after your first).

Second doses and booster for 16 & 17 year olds

We are inviting 16 & 17 year olds in for their second dose or their booster when they become due. This age group can have their second dose twelve weeks after their first and have their booster thirteen weeks after their second dose.

If you, or your 16 or 17 year old, missed their second dose or booster appointment, there are three options:

1. Call the booking team (their number is on your original appointment letter) to arrange a new appointment

2. Fill in the online booking form to request a new appointment. Link to the form is here: [Online COVID-19 Vaccine Booking Form - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)
3. Walk-in to any of our three community vaccination centres (when due for your second dose or booster).

Please remember to wear face coverings/masks at our community vaccination centres

Our community vaccination centres are health settings and as such, you are legally required to wear a face mask/covering during your appointment.

We also ask that you take a test before your appointment and only arrive if that test is negative. If you are feeling unwell or have any COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend your appointment.



Our community vaccination centres closed over the June Bank holiday

All three of our community vaccination centres will be closed for the (June) spring bank holiday. This year it is Thursday June 2 and Friday June 3. They will remain closed that weekend (Sat June 4 and Sun June 5) and will reopen as normal on Monday June 6.

Nobody left behind – walk-in opportunities

While our spring booster programme and 5-11 year old vaccination offer is underway, we remain committed to making sure nobody is left behind for their first, second, third or booster dose.

Please do not think it is too late – it is not.

Maybe you were unable to make your appointment for your first, second, third or booster – or you are now overdue your next dose – please come forward.

All of our community vaccination centres are available for walk-ins for anyone aged 12+.

You do not need an appointment for first, second, third or booster doses.

At this stage of our programme, walk-ins are not available for the spring booster.

All we ask is that before you turn up, you check out our website (link below) to make sure you are eligible – that you have waited the right time between doses and accounted for the necessary time you need to wait after COVID-19 infection.

Please check that information here: [Walk-in vaccines - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthboards/CTM/UniversityHealthBoard/Pages/Walk-in-vaccines-CwmTafMorgannwg.aspx)

ID is not essential but it does help us speed up the process, and you might be asked for proof of age. Suggested ID would be a passport, drivers licence or a utility bill for proof of address.

You can still be vaccinated without ID. Any information we take off you is for health data only and is not shared.

CTM UHB's 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)

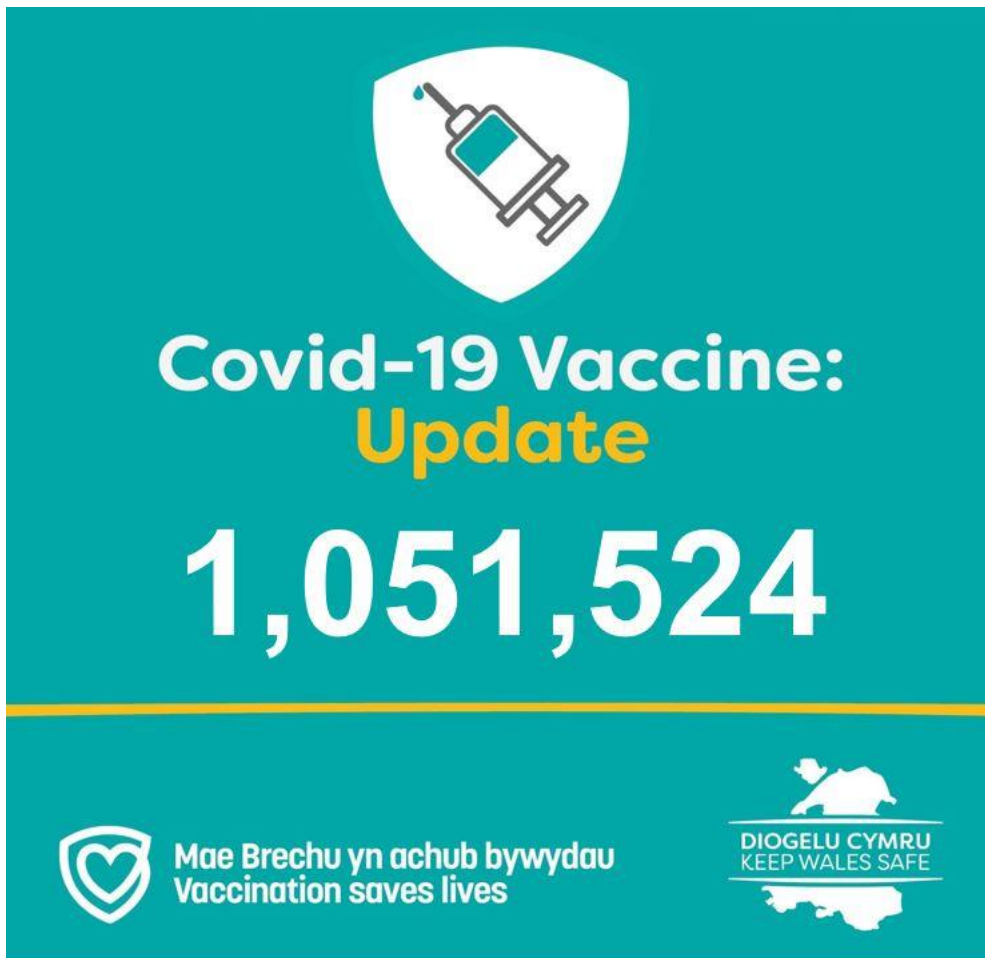
Who is currently being vaccinated?

We are currently vaccinating:

- Everyone eligible for a spring booster
- 5-11 year olds for their first dose

- 12-15 year olds for their second dose (as they become due)
- 16 and 17 year olds for their booster or second dose (as they become due)
- Anyone who uses our walk-in clinics for their first, second, third or booster.

The numbers ...



We have now given 1,051,524 COVID-19 vaccines* in total. This figure can be broken down as follows:

- 1st primary dose – **371,887**
- 2nd primary dose – **353,503**
- 3rd primary dose – **7,011**
- 1st booster – **290,022**
- Spring booster – **29,101**

*All figures quoted are correct at 00.00AM 12.05.22

Other information:

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/>

Vaccination Advice Line There is 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

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 see here: [Get your NHS COVID Pass | GOV.WALES](#)

*Public Health Wales' summary of groups 1 to 9 is below: Group 10 is the remaining adult population (Under 50s).


COVID-19 vaccination



The people most at risk of COVID-19 will be prioritised first. If you are eligible for the vaccine, please wait to be contacted.


The priority list for having the Coronavirus vaccine is:

1 residents and staff in a care home for older adults	5 all those 65 years of age and over
2 all those 80 years of age and over, and frontline health and social care workers	6 all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk
3 all those 75 years of age and over	7 all those 60 years of age and over
4 all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals	8 all those 55 years of age and over
	9 all those 50 years of age and over



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For more information visit:
phw.nhs.wales/covid-19-vaccination



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