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SPECIAL Christmas Issue 50 – 23/12/2021

CTM UHB COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Christmas Greetings



The first COVID-19 vaccination was given in CTM on the 7th December last year and what a year has followed that! This week we will see a significant milestone when we reach 1 million vaccine doses given in CTM - I don't believe any of us would have expected that number when we set out.

With Christmas and New Year upon us, it is a time to reflect on what it has taken to 'get jabs in arms'; it has taken dedicated team work, a desire to continually learn and improve and above all kindness. The public have been patient in queues and generous with praise and gifts. Teams from all areas including, porters, volunteers, drivers, pharmacy, leisure centres, administration and booking, call centres, workforce, nursing, facilities, planning and information have pulled together. They have met every challenge and new announcement thrown at them. In the face of a task never before undertaken, we haven't always got it right, but we've always learnt and improved. That has enabled us to now deliver boosters three times faster than anything we've done before, a huge achievement to step up in just 5 days.

We all hope that 2022 will bring a little calm and that together, one jab at a time, we can combat the worst that Omicron or any other variant can throw at us.

Thank you for your continued support of such a vital programme of work – without you we could not have achieved this.

Clare Williams

Deputy Director of Strategy & Partnerships, and CTM COVID-19 Vaccination Senior Responsible Officer

BOOSTER UPDATE

Our booster programme has been ramped up at such pace that at the time of publishing we have given **221,183 booster vaccinations**, which is two thirds of our eligible population. Importantly this means that 57% of all CTM residents over 16 years old have received a booster and every day more people become eligible.



When they do we'll vaccinate them too. This includes the announcement yesterday by the Joint Committee of Vaccinations and Immunisations that all 16 and 17 year olds would be able to get a booster 3 months after their 2nd dose.

This huge increase in just a week has tested us all. We really do appreciate the patience of the public as our amazing vaccination teams have responded quickly to safely deliver.

We have sent out the last of our invites for the boosters up to 31st December, so please look out for a text and/or letter. We have had a number of people thinking our texts are scams. The number the text will come from is 07984405179 (note it does not accept replies).

As the weather gets colder, we are asking people to wrap up warm when you come for your vaccination. Please wear layers so that we can easily get to the upper arm.

GROWING #ctmTeamVaccine

Delivering three times faster has required almost three times as many vaccinators. Those already part of the team have worked extra hours and other staff have responded to our 'call to arms'. We have trained up 100's more people and want to thank everyone who has shown their support for our campaign. Everyday these newly trained team members have been joining our Community Vaccination Centres, helping them to run more smoothly to vaccinate more people. This week we've been joined by 10 military vaccinators who have been drafted in to join our CTM army of vaccinators, reinforcing our fight to get everyone eligible vaccinated.

We have received lots of lovely messages on social media and our staff have received personal thank you messages with gifts and chocolates. We really appreciate that the public acknowledge the dedication of all our staff and volunteers.

WALK IN VACCINES

We do have some spare vaccination slots for people who've missed their appointment, do not have an appointment already booked for December or who have been given a January appointment and would like to bring it forward. There are vaccination slots at all our Community Vaccination Centres including our newest Centre in Princess of Wales Hospital. If you meet the criteria below you can walk in during the times show at the bottom of the page.

Walk-ins cover:

- All 1st doses 12 +
- All 2nd doses 18+ (12 – 17 years are by appointment only)
- All 3rd doses for immunosuppressed.
- All boosters for 16+ who have been unable to make their appointment, received a letter after their appointment time, had an evening appointment cancelled, or been given an appointment in January and want to bring it forward.
- University students returning home for the holidays.

Please Note:

1. If you have an existing December appointment we ask that you keep that appointment if at all possible.
2. We cannot give you your next vaccine or booster until the following times have elapsed.
 - 2nd dose - 8 weeks after your 1st dose
 - 3rd doses - 8 weeks after your 2nd dose
 - Boosters - 13 weeks after your 2nd dose
 - Adults 18+ - 28 days post a COVID 19 infection
 - Under 18's - 12 weeks post a COVID 19 infection

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)
- ***Princess Of Wales Hospital** (Coity Road Bridgend CF31 1RQ) (Note different opening time from 9am and also closed on 27th – 28th December)

| Date | Times * |
|----------|-------------|
| 23.12.21 | 8am – 6pm |
| 24.12.21 | 8am-12 noon |
| 25.12.21 | Closed |
| 26.12.21 | Closed |
| 27.12.21 | 8am – 6pm |
| 28.12.21 | 8am – 6pm |
| 29.12.21 | 8am – 6pm |
| 30.12.21 | 8am – 6pm |
| 31.12.21 | 8am – 2pm |

For more information

For more information on our Booster Vaccine Programme, please check out our FAQ: Click here

<https://ctmuhb.nhs.wales/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information/new-december-covid-19-booster-faqs/>

For more information of vaccines for 12-15 year olds and our dedicated advice line, please check out our

FAQs: Click here <https://ctmuhb.nhs.wales/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information/covid-19-vaccination-for-12-15-year-old/>

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. Please note the team cannot make bookings and are unable to answer individual clinical questions.

It is open 7 days a week - 9:00am to 4:30pm

We are closed **Christmas Day and Boxing Day**

The number is **01685 726464**.

There is also a dedicated email address: CTM.VaccinationEnquiries@wales.nhs.uk