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CTM UHB COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Headlines

COVID-19 Booster campaign

We have now given **47,000** COVID-19 boosters to people in our top priority groups in Cwm Taf Morgannwg.

This week, our community vaccination centres will continue to see health and social care workers and people aged 75 and over, for their booster appointments.

Thousands more appointment letters have gone out today as we start to move through our age groups/priority groups.

We thank you in advance for your patience, and would like to reassure you, our booster programme is going to schedule as planned. If you are eligible for a booster, and more than 26 weeks has passed since you had your second dose, we will be in touch as soon as it is your turn in order of priority. We are unable to give specific timings as to when you will be offered the booster.

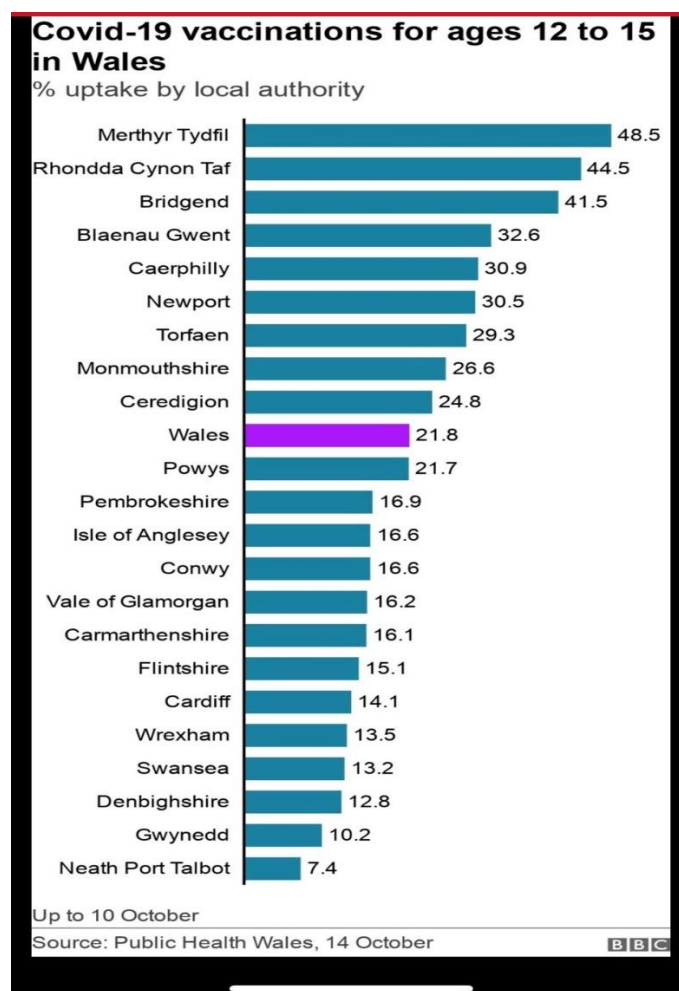
Please be reassured that the 26-week mark is the minimum time from when you had your second dose to when you are eligible for a booster.

We stress this again, as you are not overdue your booster when that 26 weeks has passed. It is also important to emphasise, that research shows doses 1 and 2 provide a high level of protection against being admitted to hospital because of COVID-19. That protection does not fall away after six months, it just begins to reduce slightly over time, which is why the booster programme was implemented.

For more information on our booster programme, please click here: [COVID-19 Vaccine Information - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthboards/cwm-taf-morgannwg-university-health-board/covid-19-vaccine-information), to find the answers to frequently asked questions on our booster campaign.

Vaccination offer for our 12-15 year olds

We have now vaccinated 53% of 12-15 year olds in Cwm Taf Morgannwg. We currently have the highest uptake in this age group in the whole of Wales. BBC Wales published the below chart using Public Health Wales data which shows our three local authority areas taking the top three spots.



For those 12-15 year olds who were unable to make their initial appointment, we are in the process of writing to them to find out whether they want a new appointment or wish to opt-out of the programme. Anyone who opts-out can opt back in at any time. Those letters are being sent this week, and should start arriving towards the end of the week/beginning of next week. You will be able to request a new appointment online through our website.

We have some frequently asked questions on our offer to vaccinate 12-15 year olds. You can find it on our website here: [COVID-19 vaccination for 12-15 year old - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthboards/cwm-taf-morgannwg-university-health-board/covid-19-vaccination-for-12-15-year-olds)

Exclusive advice line for our 12-15 year olds

We have set up an advice line for 12-15 year olds and their parents/guardians only. For all other vaccination enquiries, please contact our usual vaccination advice line.

The 12-15 year old advice line is to enable 12-15 year olds or parents/guardians to have all the information they require ahead of deciding whether to take up our offer of a COVID-19 vaccine.

If there is a question not covered by our frequently asked questions, please feel free to use this service.

It is easy to use, just fill in the form online (link below) and one of our team will get back to you. This is an advice line for 12-15 year olds and the parents/guardians of 12-15 year olds only. We will not be able to respond to anyone trying to cancel or rearrange an appointment through this route, and we will not be able to respond to anyone who could use our general vaccination advice line.

You can find the form and more information online here: [Advice line - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

Third primary dose of a COVID-19 vaccine for the severely immunosuppressed

We are continuing to identify patients who are eligible for a third primary dose of COVID-19 vaccine. This third dose is **not** a booster – it is an additional dose of vaccine, which aims to increase levels of protection for these individuals.

The specialist involved with an individual should advise us on whether the patient needs a third primary dose and will also advise us on when this dose should be given (for example, it may need to be given at an optimum time around treatment).

Please note, in order to speed up this process, the vaccination team are looking into bring in a new system where patients will be able to self-identify themselves to us and this will then be checked with their specialist/consultant etc. We would then get back in touch with the self-identifying patient to offer an appointment. It is likely to be an online form and we will update you as soon as this is ready.

In summary, the JCVI recommends that these individuals aged 12 years who need a third primary dose of COVID-19 vaccine includes those who had or have:

- blood cancers (such as leukaemia or lymphoma)
- lowered immunity due to treatment (such as high dose steroid medication, biological therapy, chemotherapy, radiotherapy)
- lowered immunity due to inherited disorders of the immune system
- an organ or bone marrow transplant

- disease that affects the immune system (such as poorly controlled HIV)
- other disease or treatments (as advised by a specialist)

The JCVI advice can be found in full here: [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\) advice on third primary dose vaccination - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-committee-on-vaccination-and-immunisation-jcvi-advice-on-third-primary-dose-vaccination)

You will be invited into one of community vaccination centres for your third dose. Please be aware for your reassurance, your clinics will be held separately from walk-ins and the booster campaign, allowing us to deep clean the vaccination centres ahead of your arrival.

First and second dose walk-in clinics

We are continuing to offer walk-in clinics at all of our community vaccination centres for people who are still to have their first dose, or are overdue their second dose.

First dose walk-ins are for people **aged 16 and over** who live in Cwm Taf Morgannwg. You cannot walk-in for your first dose if you are aged 12-15.

Second dose walk-ins are for people aged **18 and over** and who are overdue dose two. Overdue means it has been more than 8 weeks since you had your first dose. Please be aware, under 18s who do not have underlying health conditions are **not** eligible for a second dose at this time.

Our walk-in clinics are currently available **11:00am – 4:30pm, Monday to Friday**. We cannot accept walk-ins before 11:00am. Our community vaccination centres are open Saturday and Sunday for appointments only, no walk-ins are available at the weekend at this time.

ID is not essential but it does help us speed up the process, and you may 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)
- **Mountain Ash** CVC (Cynon Valley Indoor Bowls Centre, CF45 4DA)
- **Rhondda** CVC (Rhondda Sports Centre, CF41 7SY)

Schedule for week commencing October 18, 2021**Walk-in times are from 11AM – 4:30PM (Mon – Sat)**

	Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed 20	Thu 21	Fri 22	Sat 23	Sun 24
CVC							
Llantrisant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Bridgend	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Merthyr Tydfil	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Mountain Ash	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Rhondda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X

Schedule for week commencing October 25, 2021**Walk-in times are from 11AM – 4:30PM (Mon – Sat)**

	Mon 25	Tue 26	Wed 27	Thu 28	Fri 29	Sat 30	Sun 31
CVC							
Llantrisant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Bridgend	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Merthyr Tydfil	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Mountain Ash	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Rhondda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X

Avoiding queues at our community vaccination centres

With all this activity, our community vaccination centres are extremely busy. All of our teams would like to thank you for the incredible patience you have all displayed. We know some people have had to wait longer than we would want, and some of our community vaccination centres have experienced some queues.

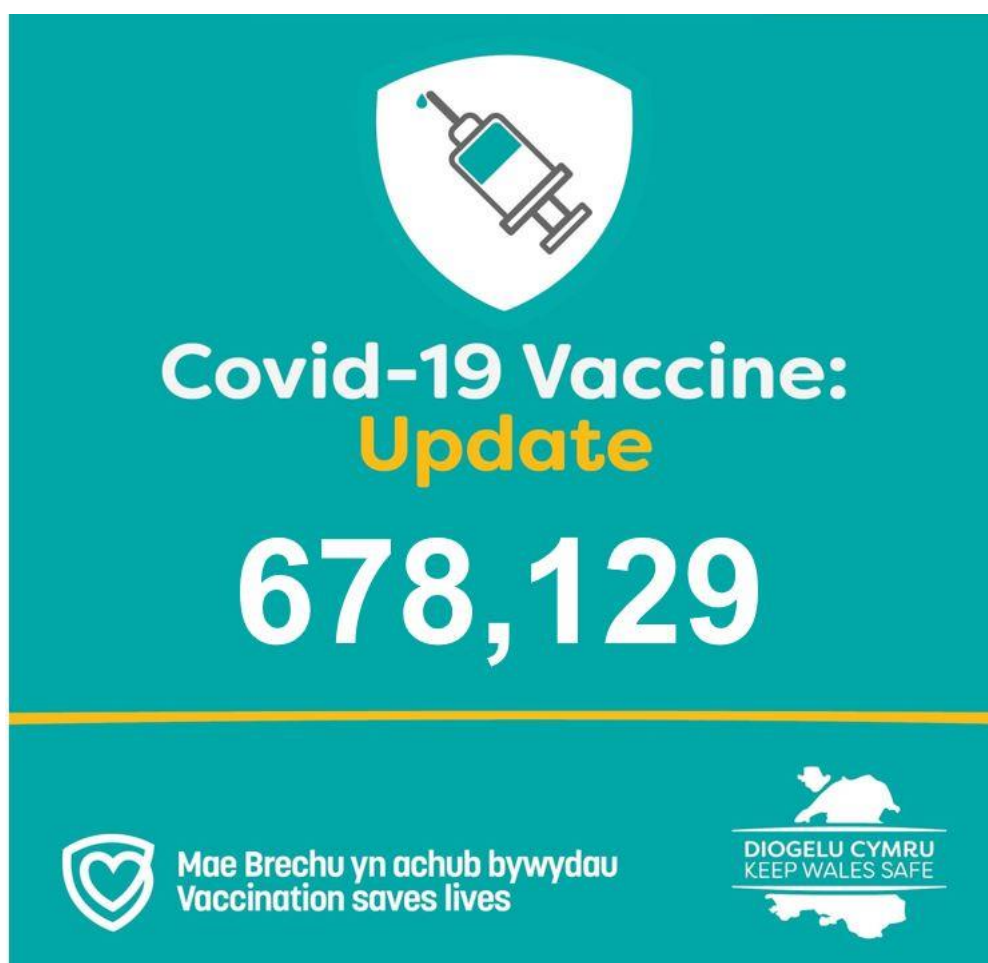
We want to reassure you, we have used feedback from our teams on site on what and how we can improve the situation. From next week (October 25) we have reduced the number of appointments coming through the centres. We have already put some extra measures in place, for example, extending outside covering and installing more lighting.

There are a couple of things you can do that will help us. We kindly ask that you do not turn up for your booster appointment more than ten minutes before your

time. Some sites have experienced patients arriving nearly three hours before their appointment and this can lead to unnecessary queuing. We ask that you wear suitable clothing to receive a vaccine, something loose fitting or something that makes it easy for the vaccinator to access your arm.

Finally, we ask that you do not hesitate to talk to us. If you require any additional support needs, please let a member of a team know as soon as you arrive, they will do their best to help you in any way they can. Thank you.

The Numbers



Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB has given 678,129 vaccines. That total number can be split into **354,026** people have received their first dose and **324,103** people have received their second dose.

87% of people have had their first dose, with 80% having had both doses (first and second).

**This is the number recorded on the Welsh Immunisation System (WIS). The actual number will be higher as records update on WIS. Figure correct 00.01AM 18.10.2021.*

Table 1 – The number of total vaccines given within each Local Authority

Cumulative total of vaccines given up to: 00:01AM Monday, October 18	Bridgend CBC	Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC	Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Other CBC (This figure includes Cwm Taf Morgannwg staff who live outside of the three Local Authorities)
Number of first and second doses	218,518 Vaccines	360,854 Vaccines	86,842 vaccines	11,915 vaccines
Number of people who have received both doses (fully vaccinated)	104,878 people	172,601 people	41,440 people	N/A

For more 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/>

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


The number is **01685 726464**.

There is also a dedicated email address.

Please email: CTM.VaccinationEnquiries@wales.nhs.uk

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

COVID-19 vaccination




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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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