

Covid Vaccination Update From Montgomery Medical Centre

The COVID vaccination programme is moving ahead quite quickly.

Practices (including Montgomery) are in continuing discussions with Powys Health Board regarding the vaccination programme.

Later this month, the vaccination centre in Newtown is set to relocate from its current location at the Park Street Day Centre to Maldwyn Leisure Centre to increase the number of appointments available for Powys residents.

This will mean that the county will have three mass-vaccination centres – Bronllys, Newtown and Builth Wells – and plans are also well under way to establish primary care-led clinics later this month.

All three mass-vaccination centres will be available by appointment only, with invitation letters being sent to residents in the national priority groups.

In line with national guidance, vaccination is currently being prioritised for:

Residents of care home for older adults

People aged 80 and over

Frontline health and social care workers

Following this, invitation letters will be sent to each national priority group in turn beginning with people aged 75 and over.

People are asked not to phone their GP, pharmacy or hospital asking when they will get a vaccine. When someone is in one of the groups eligible for the vaccine, they will be invited to attend a dedicated clinic which will have been set up to ensure patient safety and that of the healthcare professionals.

Correspondence will come from local health boards and the vaccine is free of charge through the NHS. People are warned to be alert to scams asking for money or personal information.

The effects of the vaccines may not be seen nationally for many months and the advice on keeping Wales safe remains the same for everyone; keep contacts with others to a minimum, keep a 2 metre distance from others, wash hands regularly, wear a face covering where required and avoid touching surfaces others have touched, wherever possible.

More information about the national COVID-19 immunisation programme in Wales is available from <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information/>

Extracts taken from Powys Teaching Health Board

<https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/third-mass-vaccination-centre-set-to-open-in-powys/>

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