

Welsh Government priority order for the COVID-19 vaccination programme

Priority groups 1 to 9

1. People living in a care home for older adults and their carers.
2. All those 80 years of age and older and frontline health and social care workers.
3. All those 75 years of age and over.
4. All those 70 years of age and over and people who are extremely clinically vulnerable (also known as the “shielding” group – i.e. people in this group will previously have received a letter from the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) advising them to shield at the beginning of the pandemic, plus a couple of other communications from the CMO at other stages).
5. All those 65 years of age and over.
6. All individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality - **see below for a list of the relevant conditions**. On 24 February 2021, the Welsh Government announced that certain unpaid carers were also to be included at this stage – <https://gov.wales/covid-19-vaccination-unpaid-carers-html>
7. All those 60 years of age and over.
8. All those 55 years of age and over.
9. All those 50 years of age and over.

The NHS has listed the underlying conditions as follows:

- chronic respiratory disease, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD);
- cystic fibrosis;
- severe asthma;
- chronic heart disease (and vascular disease);
- chronic kidney disease;
- chronic liver disease;
- chronic neurological disease including epilepsy;
- down’s syndrome;
- severe and profound learning disability (on 24 February 2021, the Welsh Government provided some additional information on identifying people who would qualify under this criteria:

<https://gov.wales/covid-19-vaccinations-individuals-learning-disability-or-severe-mental-illness-html>)

- diabetes;
- solid organ, bone marrow and stem cell transplant recipients;
- people with specific cancers;
- immunosuppression due to disease or treatment;
- asplenia and splenic dysfunction;
- morbid obesity; and
- severe mental illness (see link above for further information).