

Coronavirus Newsletter Healthwatch Reading: 1 May 2020

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## [Reading loses lives to Covid-19 at faster rate than neighbouring areas](#)

The sad impact of the pandemic on our borough is shown by latest figures out from the Office for National Statistics.

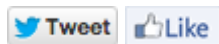
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## [Residents express thanks for deliveries](#)

Healthwatch Reading has received lovely messages from housebound people who've been helped to get their prescriptions by our staff and volunteers.

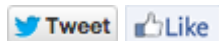
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## [Over-65s and essential workers with symptoms can now request a coronavirus test](#)

The government has expanded testing to sections of the general public in the first days of their illness.

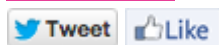
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## ['Don't put off contacting your GP about serious symptoms'](#)

Doctors are worried that people are avoiding making appointments for symptoms that need to be checked sooner rather than later.

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Get Berkshire Active is asking people to complete an online survey by 13 May 2020.

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Macmillan is reaching out to ensure local people can get information they need at this time.

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