

Coronavirus Newsletter Healthwatch Reading: 22 May 2020

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[Reading people start sharing stories about care under coronavirus lockdown](#)

Residents have been answering our survey to give feedback about local services and to thank key workers.

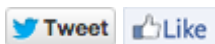
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Some pharmacies will be open but most GP surgeries will be closed.

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Most of the outbreaks took place in the first two weeks of April, according to data from Public Health England.

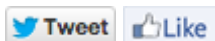
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The government has updated its guidance on symptoms and also expanded the testing scheme.

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The Care Quality Commission says it's not using its full powers against the Life Care home in Reading, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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