



## Welcome...

This new weekly COVID-19 e-newsletter will give you the most up-to-date information for the Royal Borough, to help you keep you and your family safe during this pandemic.

It will give you the latest local COVID-19 statistics, keep you informed about community testing, vaccinations, public health tips, as well as let you know how you can still access your council services at this time.

We'll also continue to update our [COVID-19 webpage on our website](#). And you can also keep in touch on our Facebook and Twitter platforms – click on their links at the bottom of this e-bulletin.

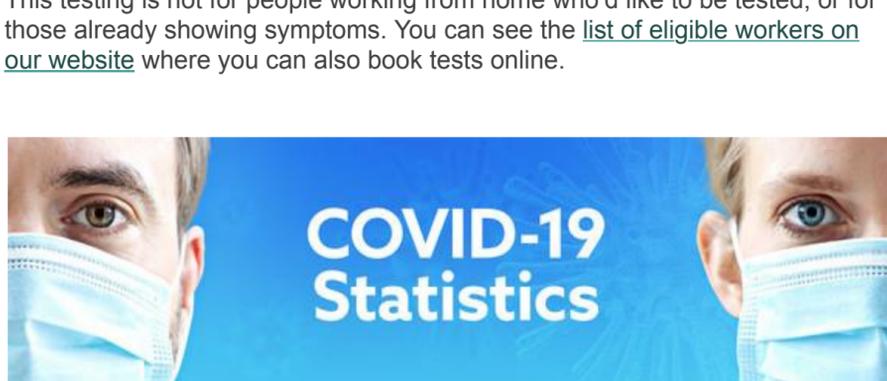


## Community testing starts on Monday

This means that those of you in public facing jobs who cannot work from home - such as supermarket workers, delivery drivers and people working in health and care services - can now get tested free of charge.

As one in three people with COVID-19 don't show symptoms – so are unaware they have it - the aim of community testing is to find these individuals so they can self-isolate and stop them unknowingly spreading it, thus breaking the transmission chain.

This testing is not for people working from home who'd like to be tested, or for those already showing symptoms. You can see the [list of eligible workers on our website](#) where you can also book tests online.



## Royal Borough COVID-19 statistics

As of today, there are 186.2 cases per 100,000 which is now just below the South East and England averages. But household transmission is still the number one place where you're likely to catch it. When you're at the supermarket or out exercising, take care. Don't take the virus home with you.

The Royal Borough's case rates are updated daily on the [Berkshire Public Health website](#). The weekly reports, showing Frimley Health NHS hospital admissions and case breakdowns per Royal Borough ward, are updated on Wednesday evenings. To find these, click on 'information centre' top right of the screen and then 'weekly reports.'



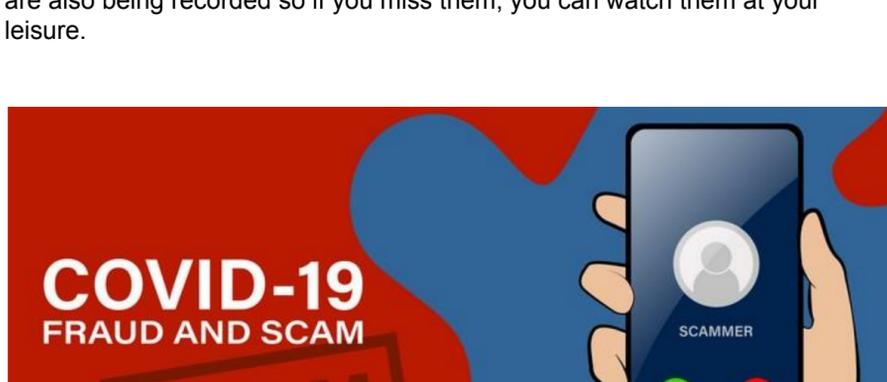
## Find out about our COVID-19 response

You're invited to next public meeting of our COVID-19 Outbreak Engagement Board, on Monday 15 February at 2.30pm, which is being live streamed.

You can submit questions in advance by [emailing our Democratic Services](#) by midday Friday 12 February. You won't be able to ask questions during the session.

Find out more about our [COVID-19 Outbreak Plan](#) and also answers to the questions from the last public meeting.

To join the meeting, visit our [Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead YouTube channel](#) where the meeting will appear once it starts. These meetings are also being recorded so if you miss them, you can watch them at your leisure.



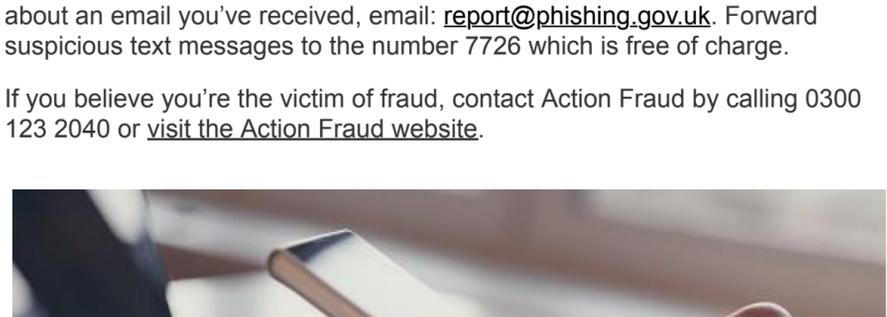
## Get wise to the scammers

The NHS will never:

- ask for your bank account or card details
- ask for your PIN or banking password
- arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- ask you to prove your identity such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips

If you receive a call you believe is fraudulent, hang up. If you're suspicious about an email you've received, email: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). Forward suspicious text messages to the number 7726 which is free of charge.

If you believe you're the victim of fraud, contact Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or [visit the Action Fraud website](#).



## And lastly...

You may be wondering why because you're receiving this COVID-19 e-newsletter despite not subscribing to it.

This is because we're contacting you with crucial information to protect your health during this pandemic and keep you safe. To find out more about how we're allowed to use your personal data in this way, read the [Privacy Notice for this e-newsletter on our website](#).

If you don't want to receive further e-bulletins from us, don't worry. Simply click the unsubscribe button at the bottom.

## Helpful contacts

[COVID-19 support in the Royal Borough](#)

[Government COVID-19 information](#)

[Public Health England and Department of Health and Social Care guidance](#)

[NHS England advice](#)

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