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"With no symptoms and without a test, people can be silent spreaders of the virus, passing it on to those who may be far worse affected.

"At the moment – those who need to work outside home are advised to get a rapid test twice a week. Slough has so many of these workers, from taxi, minicab and delivery drivers and childcare workers to shop staff and the best way they can help keep themselves, their families and community safe is by getting tested regularly."

She added: "The test is quick, easy and free and gives the peace of mind that while doing their vital work they have not caught covid or are infecting others.

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Current covid case rates in Slough are 210.6 per 100,000 of the population. There are 58 residents in hospital due to covid with an average age of just 67 and in the week ending 5 February (the latest data) 21 Slough residents died due to covid.

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