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MEDIA STATEMENT

Juniper responds to COVID positive cases at Bentley facility

Two cases of COVID-19 have today been confirmed at Juniper's Cygnet Residential Aged Care Facility in Bentley.

A resident was tested after showing COVID-19 symptoms and after the positive result, is now in isolation at the facility. This afternoon a staff member has also tested positive.

The facility is currently closed to all visitors, and we are actively working to ensure both residents and staff are receiving appropriate care.

Juniper is working closely with WA Health and the Commonwealth Department of Health to ensure the outbreak is contained and to support contact tracing teams.

"We want to reassure everyone that we are working tirelessly to protect our residents and staff and volunteers," Juniper Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris Hall said. "Their health and safety is our priority. The majority of residents and staff are triple vaccinated.

"We have implemented health measures at the multi-purpose facility that balance care and compassion with protection and caution.

"While visitor restrictions are in place we will be working closely with residents, their families and representatives to maintain alternative connections, such as via video phone calls and on social media."

Mr Hall said Juniper had strong infection controls in place and was working closely with WA Health and following its procedures and protocols to ensure the latest infection control measures were in place and that staff had adequate supplies of personal protective equipment.

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