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MEDIA STATEMENT

Juniper continues to manage Cygnet COVID cases

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

Five residents and one staff member have recorded COVID positive results after testing was conducted at the site yesterday. This is in addition to the resident and staff member who tested positive on Wednesday.

Juniper is managing the situation with support from WA Health and the Commonwealth Department of Health. The facility remains closed to all visitors for the time being.

"Obviously the news of additional cases is of concern for our residents, their families, staff and volunteers," Juniper Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris Hall said. "I want to reassure everyone that we are continuing to work hard to protect and care for all residents and staff.

With the support of the Commonwealth, we are increasing our workforce, including nurses and care staff, to provide general support to residents by enabling greater contact with their loved ones.

WA Health is continuing to provide support to Juniper with contact tracing.

"While this is a challenging time, I am confident we are well prepared for the situation we now find ourselves in. We have been planning for this for many months and we have taken note of lessons learned from our Eastern States counterparts."

Mr Hall said staff had been in contact with immediate family and representatives of residents and will be working with them to ensure they maintain connections with their loved ones.

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Please note

Mr Hall will be unavailable for interviews today while Juniper responds to the outbreak.

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Juniper is a leading provider of care, accommodation and support services for older Western Australians. We are a not-for-profit agency of the Uniting Church in Western Australia.