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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**Juniper continues to support residents and families impacted by COVID; welcomes support from ADF**

Another two residents from Juniper's Cygnet Residential Aged Care Facility in Bentley have received positive results to PCR tests.

This brings the total to 14 – ten residents and four staff members – who have tested positive to COVID-19.

Juniper Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris Hall said the care and wellbeing of all residents and staff was continuing to be closely monitored and was the primary focus.

“We know this is a difficult time for residents and their families. We are doing all that we can to keep them informed and assist families and loved ones to stay connected with residents through the use of technology,” Mr Hall said.

As a precaution, all staff and volunteers at the site are undertaking Rapid Antigen Testing prior to every shift.

“I would particularly like to thank our staff at Cygnet who are continuing to provide such dedicated care and support to the residents. Their efforts under these circumstances are greatly appreciated,” Mr Hall said.

To help support Juniper with on the ground logistics, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) pledged its support yesterday. Mr Hall welcomed the support from the ADF.

“Juniper welcomes the support provided by the Australian Defence Force. Additional assistance on the ground is extremely appreciated and helps provide reassurance and comfort to our residents and families.

“It's great to see the Western Australian community working through the evolving situation together,” Mr Hall said.

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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.