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## Alderney mourns two pandemic deaths

Alderney President William Tate has expressed the Island's sadness at the loss of two residents who died at the Mignot Memorial Hospital with Covid-19 at the weekend.

He also paid tribute to Alderney's medical teams who are "working tirelessly to provide the highest levels of care and compassion" in what is a difficult time at the hospital where there are patients with Covid-19.

He said Dr Nicola Brink, Director of Public Health, and the Island Medical Centre's Dr Julie Hunt had joined with him to send heartfelt sentiments and expressions of support for the families of those who died. Both of the patients had a background of extreme vulnerability.

"The harsh reality is that the pandemic is not over," Mr Tate said on QuayFM (Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup>). "Cases of Covid-19 will continue to be identified in our community for years to come.

"Those on the frontline of medical care will always do what it takes and travel the extra mile to make sure we are protected."

According to the latest figures, 97% of over-50s in the Bailiwick have now received two vaccinations. This is the most important defence against the virus, the President said.

There are five cases of Covid-19 in hospital following the second wave of cases in Alderney. There are 128 known active cases in the Bailiwick, 19 of them in Alderney.

The latest information can be accessed at covid19.gov.gg.