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## Weekly Newsletter

### Exciting Visitation Update

There has been new guidance coming out from the Minnesota Department of Health regarding Essential Caregivers and Visitors.

**Essential Caregivers and Visitors are no longer required to test in order to visit love ones but are strongly encouraged to continue testing in order to help prevent transmission of COVID!**

CMS and CDC continue to recommend that residents and families adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection, including physical distancing (maintaining at least 6 feet between people). This continues to be the safest way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, especially if either party has not been fully vaccinated.

However, due to the toll that separation and isolation has taken they are now allowing, **if the resident is fully vaccinated**, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor **while wearing a well-fitting face mask and performing hand-hygiene before and after. Regardless, visitors should physically distance from other residents and staff in the facility.**

We also want to take this time to remind all visitors and essential caregivers that **masks need to be worn at all times while in the facility. Due to that guidance, essential caregivers and visitors are not permitted to eat in the resident's room at any time.**

Effective immediately **LB Alcott Manor and LB Woodland Lodge** will be permitting scheduled indoor visits within the resident's room for anyone who wishes to visit. Please be sure to follow the following procedure: All visits are limited to 1 hour and 2 visitors at a time

1) Schedule your visit via <https://lbhomes.simplybook.me/v2/> 2) Arrive for your scheduled visit via the main entrance 3) Complete ALL screening procedures thoroughly 4) Apply well fitting mask 5) Walk to your loved one's room and attempt to minimize contact with surfaces and other residents/staff 6) Sign out following visit. We will be monitoring the screening log to ensure all visitors are screening in/out and following the previously mentioned guidelines.

LB Broen Home indoor visitation remain on hold due to current outbreak. We will notify you of any changes to visitation via this newsletter.

### **CORONAVIRUS TESTING**

This is to remind you of COVID -19 testing for all Broen employees and Broen Essential Caregivers **on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 am- 9 am at the Eisenhower building** (805 East Channing, Fergus Falls). Right now, we are testing in an outbreak format. This means that we will be testing all staff and all residents of the Nursing Home on a weekly basis, until we have had no further positive tests for 14 consecutive days. Please call Sam Finch, 998-7396 or Dawn Bratlien at 998-7313 with any question of concerns. **Testing remains mandatory for employees.** Essential caregivers are strongly encouraged to continue testing with us.

### **Essential Caregiver Visit Scheduling**

**Essential Caregiver visits must be scheduled via phone or e-mail with Aaron Hanson Monday through Friday 8am-4pm.** All messages left regarding scheduling of visitation out of regular office hours will be returned by the following business day.



**LB Homes Cumulative COVID-19 Operations Report  
3/13/2020 – 3/16/2021**

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Number of residents or clients tested</b>	<b>Number of residents or clients confirmed positive</b>	<b>Number of employees tested</b>	<b>Number of employees confirmed positive</b>	<b>Number of COVID-19 related deaths</b>
*Numbers in this table reflect testing of symptomatic residents and employees tested outside of Point Prevalence Survey testing.					
<b>LB Broen Home</b>	71	0	98	14: (No longer isolated)	0
<b>LB Alcott Manor</b>	4	0	5	0	0
<b>LB Woodland Lodge</b>	3	0	7	2: (No longer isolated)	0
<b>LB Home Care</b>	12	9	7	1: (No longer isolated)	0
<b>LB Hospice</b>	6	5	11	3: (No longer isolated)	0

**LB Homes Point Prevalence Survey (PPS)/Outbreak Testing**

<b>Date of Point Prevalence Survey Testing</b>	<b>Number of residents or clients tested</b>	<b>Number of residents or clients confirmed positive</b>	<b>Number of employees/essential caregivers tested</b>	<b>Number of employees/essential caregivers positive</b>
December 28, 2020				
* Antigen tests	59	0	257	0
* PCR tests	0	0	7	0
January 04, 2021				
* Antigen tests	56	0	283	0
* PCR tests	0	0	1	0
January 11, 2021				
* Antigen tests	58	0	268	0
* PCR tests	0	0	2	0
January 18, 2021				
* Antigen tests	58	0	283	0
* PCR tests	0	0	0	0
January 25, 2021				
* Antigen tests	57	0	268	0
* PCR tests	0	0	3	0
February 1, 2021				
* Antigen tests	57	0	315	0
* PCR tests	1	0	6	0
March 1, 2021				
* Antigen tests	60	0	69	0
* PCR tests	0	0	279	1: No longer isolated
March 8, 2021				
* Antigen tests	57	0	257	0
* PCR tests	0	0	2	0
March 15, 2021				
* Antigen tests	62	0	235	1: Currently isolated
* PCR tests	2	2 pending	6	6 pending

**Mitigation (efforts to reduce loss of life or property) measures currently implemented include:**

- \* 02/16/2021 22 Sheridan House Residents completed their 2nd COVID 19 Vaccination
- \* 02/02/2021 Second COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic scheduled – Nursing Home & Assisted Living (1<sup>st</sup> vaccine)
- \* 01/25/2021 General visitation (scheduled) open at Broen Home & Alcott Manor
- \* 01/20/2021 General visitation (scheduled) open at Woodland Lodge
- \* 01/19/2021 Sheridan House COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic completed with OTC Public Health
- \* 01/05/2021 First COVID-19 Vaccines administered at LB Broen Home