



LB Homes

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wherever you call  
home

## Weekly Newsletter

### LB Homes Resumes In-Person Grief Support Groups

To continue serving the needs of our community, LB Homes will resume in-person grief support groups, facilitated by a grief specialist, beginning in April at locations in Fergus Falls and Battle Lake. “Processing grief alone can increase feelings of isolation, we believe in the benefits on having in-person support groups”, John Zwiers, CEO. “We also understand the importance of moving forward safely and have guidelines in place to keep participants safe.” Benefits of grief counsel, support and education include: • Validation that what you are feeling is normal. • Affirmation that there are a wide variety of ways to cope with your grief. • Provides a safe place to talk about your grief feelings when it may be difficult to do so at work, with your friends, or even with your family members. LB Homes’ in-person Grief Support and Education groups are open to any adult who is grieving the death of a loved one. The groups are confidential and free of charge. Individuals may begin attending at any time. In-person session safety protocols include COVID symptom questions, temperature, masks, and distancing per state mandates. For more information, contact LB Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, Terry Beck by calling 218.998.1422 or by email to [Terry.Beck@lbhomes.org](mailto:Terry.Beck@lbhomes.org).

### Non-Medically Necessary Outings

**Residents who are fully vaccinated do not have to quarantine after non-medically necessary outings unless they spend 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19.** Residents who are fully vaccinated and want to exercise their right to leave their long-term care facilities for outings that are not necessary for medical reasons are now able to do so. ♣ Residents who are fully vaccinated may gather indoors or outdoors with other people who are fully vaccinated. ♣ Residents who are fully vaccinated can visit indoors or outdoors with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 infection. ♣ If the resident is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with the persons they are visiting while wearing a well-fitting mask. ♣ All visits should be conducted following good infection control practices, such as wearing well-fitting masks that cover the mouth and nose, staying 6 feet from others when practical, and using good hand hygiene ♣ If a resident who is fully vaccinated chooses to attend a place of worship or other group event, or to shop or eat in public establishments, the resident should follow the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention. **For residents who are NOT fully vaccinated and leave for non-medically necessary outings, we will require them to quarantine for 14 days.**

### CORONAVIRUS TESTING

This is to remind you of COVID -19 testing **for all LB Broen Employees and Broen Essential Caregivers on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 am- 9 am at the Eisenhower building (805 East Channing, Fergus Falls) All Assisted Living Staff and Essential Caregiver will test on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 7am-10am at the Woodland Lodge Building. Right now, we are testing in an outbreak format which means indoor visitation is on hold.** This means that we will be testing all staff and all residents 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 however this is no longer required to be able to visit.

### 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 – 3/30/2021**

<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>	72	0	103	15: 1 Currently isolated	0
<b>LB Alcott Manor</b>	4	0	6	1: Currently isolated	0
<b>LB Woodland Lodge</b>	3	0	7	2: (No longer isolated)	0
<b>LB Home Care</b>	13	10	7	1: (No longer isolated)	0
<b>LB Hospice</b>	6	5	12	4: 1 Currently 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>
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	240	1: No longer isolated
* PCR tests	2	0	7	1: No longer isolated
March 18, 2021				
*Antigen test (Alcott & Woodland)	39	0	50	0
March 22, 2021				
*Antigen tests	62	0	257	0
* PCR tests	1	0	24	1: Currently isolated
March 25, 2021				
*Antigen test (Alcott & Woodland)	39	0	52	2: Currently isolated
March 29, 2021				
*Antigen tests	100	0	232	1: Currently isolated
* PCR tests	0	0	4	4 pending

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

- \* 03/02/2021 Third COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – Nursing Home & Assisted Living (2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine)
- \* 02/16/2021 22 Sheridan House Residents completed their 2nd COVID 19 Vaccination
- \* 02/02/2021 Second COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – 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