

Caring for you, wherever you call home

Weekly Newsletter

Winter Wonderland!

We have been watching the calendar and the forecast and winter is still here! It has certainly felt a little colder this year – with plenty of snow. It's not hard to catch our maintenance team out taking care of sidewalks and parking lots.





Random Acts of Kindness: Ideas to Welcome 2022!

- Go outside your comfort zone.
- Plan a spontaneous date with your partner, doing things you both love.
- Expand your mind. Sign up for a class or workshop.
- Call a friend or relative and make them laugh out loud.



 Create a care bag for someone in need. Include gloves, scarf, treats, and hygiene products.

Testing Information

Please call Dawn Bratlien at 218.998.7313, with any questions or concerns.

| LB Broen Home | | | | |
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| *If you are experiencing symptoms, call 218.998.7336, someone will come to your car to test you. * | | | | |
| Who | COVID-19 Testing | When | Where | |
| LB Broen Home Staff (including non- Broen staff who enter LB Broen for work) | Mandatory for unvaccinated staff members | Twice weekly 6:00 am – 9:00 am Thursday, January 27th Monday, January 31st | 1S Nurses Station Enter through main entrance Door A | |
| LB Broen Home Residents | Mandatory for those who leave the facility regularly, strongly encouraged for unvaccinated residents | Twice weekly 6:00 am – 9:00 am Thursday, January 27th Monday, January 31st | Staff will assist | |
| LB Broen Essential Caregivers | Recommended, but not required | Twice weekly 6:00 am – 9:00 am Thursday, January 27th Monday, January 31st | 1S Nurses Station Enter through main entrance Door A | |

LB Woodland Lodge & LB Alcott Manor

*If you are experiencing symptoms, call 218.998.7266, someone will come to your car to test you. *

| Who | COVID-19 Testing | When | Where |
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| Staff LB Woodland Lodge & LB Alcott Manor | Mandatory for unvaccinated staff members | Twice weekly Prior to working | Arrange with facility |
| Essential Caregivers LB Woodland Lodge & LB Alcott Manor | Recommended, but not required | Call to schedule: 218.998.7266 | Woodland Lodge Main Entrance |

LB Home Care & LB Bereavement

*If you are experiencing symptoms, call 218.998.1414, someone will come to your car to test you. *

| Who | COVID-19 Testing | When | Where |
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| LB Home Care & Bereavement Staff | Mandatory for unvaccinated staff members | Twice weekly 8:00 am – 9:00 am Thursday, January 27th Monday, January 31st | Westside Conference Room |

Current Visitation Information

When a facility is in outbreak status, it places all who enter our facility at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19. Please find outbreak status under "General Visitation Information" in following table. We continue our mitigation efforts which include screening for symptoms upon entering an LB facility, wearing of masks appropriately, frequent hand-hygiene and 6-foot distancing as appropriate. Staff and Essential Caregivers should also wear eye protection appropriately. Even with mitigation efforts, all visitors should be aware that they are at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19 in Long Term Care Facilities.

We are open to all visitors. Visitors will need to screen prior to visiting. Visitors who have symptoms of COVID-19, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or who have a current COVID-19 positive test should not visit. Because Otter Tail County is at a High Community Transmission, all visitors will need to wear masks at all times while in the facility, practice 6-foot distancing, and perform frequent hand-hygiene.

Scheduling Visitation:

Thank you for your continued support and diligence as we navigate these guidelines provided by the Minnesota Department of Health. If you would like to schedule a video visit or window visit with your loved one, please contact Titus Christianson at 218-998-7333 or <u>Titus.Christianson@lbhomes.org</u>

*Outbreak procedures are always initiated with the notice of just one COVID-19 positive staff member. *

| Facility | General Visitation Information |
|-------------------|--|
| LB Broen Home | Outbreak status. Open to all visitation. |
| LB Woodland Lodge | Outbreak status. Open to all visitation. |
| LB Alcott Manor | Open to all visitation |

LB Homes Cumulative COVID-19 Operations Report (Thursday – Wednesday)

| Entity | Cumulative number of staff and residents and Essential Caregivers (EC) 5/8/2020 – 12/29/21 |
|-------------------|---|
| LB Broen Home | 83 total (0 residents and 7 staff/EC in 2022) |
| | (10 residents and 31 staff/EC in 2021) (6 residents and 29 staff/EC in 2020) |
| LB Alcott Manor | 11 (1 resident in 2020) (1 resident and 9 staff/EC in 2021) |
| LB Woodland Lodge | 11 (6 staff/EC in 2020) (4 staff/EC in 2021) (1 staff/EC in 2022) |

*Please note: There has been an update to the Cumulative COVID-19 Operations Report. It is now shortened to include cumulative positives per facility since 5/8/2020. Numbers were previously listed in the report as weekly results. *

If you did not receive your vaccine and would like to, contact please contact Dawn Bratlien at 218-998-7313 or check out the resources found here: <u>COVID-19 Vaccine | Otter Tail County, MN (ottertailcountymn.us)</u>.

Please watch emails and listen to phone messages for updates regarding testing requirements.

Thank you for your continued efforts and commitment to help our residents, patients, and staff stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.