



**Caring for you,
wherever you
call home**

Weekly Newsletter

Needed: Halloween Pictures

Halloween looked a little different in our facilities this year. Because of COVID restrictions, we were not able to welcome the lines of eager trick or treaters. So, we are doing what we can to bring the smiles and laughs to our residents....

But we need your help – Please send us pictures from Halloween.

We will put those photos in a slide show to share with our residents.

You can direct message them to “LB Homes” via Facebook, leave them in the comments on the Halloween post, or email them to Amie.Welch@LBHomes.org. Tell your friends – the more the better! Thank you to those who have already submitted!



November is Home Care Month!

This month we celebrate our LB Home Care team! Thank you for the work you do every day to care for our patients and their families. Your work is impactful and the relationships you build are long lasting. We are happy to have “Otter Tail County’s Best of: Home Care” as part of the LB Homes team! Home care provides services to patients in their homes, such as wound care, therapy, IV infusions, medication management, and education. They have a team of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, case managers, visit nurses, home health aides, intake and health information. LB Home Care has both long term and short-term patients and can provide care to patients in many settings, even assisted living. By coordinating with the patient, their family, care givers, community partners and healthcare providers, patients receive the care they need to reach their best possible healthcare outcomes.

Did you know that having home care can decrease chances of being readmitted to the hospital by 25%!

Testing Information

Outbreak procedures can be initiated with the notice of just one COVID-19 positive staff member or resident. In outbreak testing we will test all staff, twice weekly, regardless of vaccination status. When we are out of outbreak testing, we will resume testing all unvaccinated staff, twice weekly.

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, regardless of vaccination status | Twice weekly 6:00 am – 9:00 am Thursday, November 4th Monday, November 8th | Light and Life Auditorium Enter through Door I |
| LB Broen Home Residents | Mandatory, regardless of vaccination status | Twice weekly 6:00 am – 9:00 am Thursday, November 4th Monday, November 8th | Staff will assist |
| LB Broen Essential Caregivers | Recommended, but not required | Twice weekly 6:00 am – 9:00 am Thursday, November 4th Monday, November 8th | Light and Life Auditorium Enter through Door I |

| LB Woodland Lodge | | | |
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| *If you are experiencing symptoms, call 218.998.7266, someone will come to your car to test you. * | | | |
| Who | COVID-19 Testing | When | Where |
| LB Woodland Lodge Staff | Unvaccinated only | Twice weekly 6:45 am – 8:15 am Thursday, November 4th Monday, November 8th | Woodland Lodge Building East Lower-Level Entrance |
| LB Woodland Lodge Essential Caregivers | Recommended, but not required | Twice weekly 6:45 am – 8:15 am Thursday, November 4th Monday, November 8th | Woodland Lodge Building East Lower-Level Entrance |

| LB Alcott | | | |
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| *If you are experiencing symptoms, call 218.998.7266, someone will come to your car to test you. * | | | |
| Who | COVID-19 Testing | When | Where |
| LB Alcott Manor Staff | Mandatory, regardless of vaccination status | Twice weekly 6:45 am – 8:15 am Thursday, November 4th Monday, November 8th | Woodland Lodge Building East Lower-Level Entrance |
| LB Alcott Manor Essential Caregivers | Recommended, but not required for unvaccinated | Twice weekly 6:45 am – 8:15 am Thursday, November 4th Monday, November 8th | Woodland Lodge Building East Lower-Level Entrance |

| LB Home Care & LB Hospice | | | |
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| *If you are experiencing symptoms, call 218.998.7266, someone will come to your car to test you. * | | | |
| Who | COVID-19 Testing | When | Where |
| LB Home Care Staff | Unvaccinated only | Twice weekly 6:45 am – 8:15 am Thursday, November 4th Monday, November 8th | Light and Life Auditorium Enter through Door I |
| LB Hospice Staff | Unvaccinated only | Twice weekly 6:45 am – 8:15 am Thursday, November 4th Monday, November 8th | Light and Life Auditorium Enter through Door I |

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

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

Current Visitation Information

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.

As a reminder, Essential Caregivers will need to screen in thoroughly, and wear a surgical face mask while being escorted to and from the resident's room. The Essential Caregiver is limited to the resident's room.

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, window visits, or outdoor visit with your loved one please contact Aaron Hanson at 218-998-7333 or Aaron.Hanson@LBHomes.org.

| Facility | General Visitation Information |
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| LB Broen Home | General Visitation – Closed – Outbreak procedures Essential Caregiver – Open, except if on Transmission Based precautions Compassionate Care visits - Open |
| LB Woodland Lodge | General Visitation – Open, except if on Transmission Based precautions Essential Caregiver – Open, except if on Transmission Based precautions Compassionate Care visits - Open |
| LB Alcott Manor | General Visitation – Open, except if on Transmission Based precautions Essential Caregiver – Open, except if on Transmission Based precautions Compassionate Care visits - Open |

LB Homes Cumulative COVID-19 Operations Report

| Entity | Cumulative number of staff and residents and Essential Caregivers (EC) since 5/8/2020 |
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| LB Broen Home | 65 total (6 residents and 29 staff/EC in 2020) (10 residents and 20 staff/EC in 2021) |
| LB Alcott Manor | 11 (1 resident in 2020) (1 resident and 9 staff/EC in 2021) |
| LB Woodland Lodge | 10 (6 staff/EC in 2020) (4 staff/EC in 2021) |

***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:

[COVID-19 Vaccine | Otter Tail County, MN \(ottertailcountymn.us\)](https://www.ottertailcountymn.us/covid-19-vaccine).