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wherever you
call home**

Weekly Newsletter

Visitation Update – General Visitation Guidelines

LB Homes care sites are now open for visitation! We have received new guidance from the CMS allowing visitation for all residents at all times regardless of outbreak status.

Ottertail County is currently at a **high** level of community transmission therefore all visitors are required to **wear a well-fitting face mask at all times regardless of their vaccination status and physically distance**. We will continue to notify you of any outbreaks however this **WILL NOT** impact your ability to visit you loved one if you should choose, however please note that visiting during an outbreak does put you at increased risk for exposure to COVID-19.

We ask that you pay close attention to signage posted at the entrance and throughout the facility for the current outbreak status and infection prevention guidelines. Upon arrival you will be required to screen in, complete hand hygiene, apply a surgical face mask and take a straight path to the resident's room without unnecessary stops. Pets and children are welcome however must be under the control of an adult at all times and remain in the resident's room the duration of the visit with no stopping in the hallways.

Visitation will continue to be conducted within the resident's room however there are no limits in frequency or length of visits, the number of visitors, or requirements to schedule the visit. We would encourage you to test 2-3 days prior to visiting however this is not a requirement.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this pandemic, we recognize that this is another step forward for our residents and encourage everyone involved to continue doing their part in keeping our residents and staff safe and healthy.

Testing Information

NOTE TESTING WILL BE ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

NOTE CHANGE IN TESTING FOR ASSISTED LIVING

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

LB Broen Home			
*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 Monday, November 22nd Wednesday, November 24th	Light and Life Auditorium Enter through Door I
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 Monday, November 22nd Wednesday, November 24th	Staff will assist
LB Broen Essential Caregivers	Recommended, but not required	Twice weekly 6:00 am – 9:00 am Monday, November 22nd Wednesday, November 24th	Light and Life Auditorium Enter through Door I

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
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
LB Home Care & Bereavement Staff	Mandatory for unvaccinated staff members	Twice weekly 7:30 am – 9:00 am Monday, November 22nd Wednesday, November 24th	Westside Conference Room

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. 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 Aaron Hanson at 218-998-7333 or Aaron.Hanson@LBHomes.org.

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

Facility	General Visitation Information
LB Broen Home	Open to all visitation
LB Woodland Lodge	Open to all visitation
LB Alcott Manor	Open to all visitation

LB Homes Cumulative COVID-19 Operations Report

Entity	Cumulative number of staff and residents and Essential Caregivers (EC) since 5/8/2020
LB Broen Home	71 total (6 residents and 29 staff/EC in 2020) (10 residents and 26 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).

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.