



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

Weekly Newsletter

Silver Linings

Due to updated MDH guidance, we will begin testing unvaccinated individuals twice weekly!

We have not had a case at LB Broen Home for 123 days! Our county positivity rate for the week of 7/18 through 7/24 was 2.30%!! This data is the percent of positive tests by county of residence in Minnesota by week of specimen collection. This means our care sites remain open for general visitors. We ask that you limit to 2 visitors in the room to maintain social distancing.

Visitation – What to know?

A friendly reminder regarding visitation at LB Homes Care sites as we continue to work together to prevent the spread of COVID- 19 within our settings. When visiting your loved one, please limit your visit to 2 people at a time, screen in thoroughly, and wear a surgical face mask while being escorted to and from the resident's room. The visitor may remove their mask in the resident's room if they have been instructed that they may based on vaccination status. Visitors are still limited to visiting only within the resident's room, outside, or in an appropriate designated area to minimize potential contact with other residents. If you would like to visit other residents, please do so on different days. Visitors are welcome to attend activities with their loved ones however social distancing must be maintained from other residents and a surgical mask must be worn at all times. **Thank you for your continued support** and diligence as we navigate these guidelines provided by the Minnesota Department of Health.

CORONAVIRUS TESTING:

Staff and residents who are fully vaccinated, no longer need to participate in testing, unless symptomatic, have a high-risk exposure, or the facility is in outbreak testing. Fully vaccinated individuals can still continue to test if they would like to, but it will be optional during routine testing. Essential caregivers are strongly encouraged to continue testing with us however this is no longer required to be able to visit.

- This is to remind you of COVID -19 testing that is mandatory for all **unvaccinated** LB Homes Employees, including LB Broen Home, Hospice, Home Care, and business office employees, and recommended (but not required) for Broen Essential Caregivers on **Thursday, August 12th and Monday, August 16th** from 6:00am—9am in the **2N Dining room**, near Light and Life Auditorium. Please call Sam Finch, 218-998-7336 or Dawn Bratlien at 218-998-7313 with any questions or concerns.
- All **unvaccinated** Assisted Living Staff and recommended (but not required) for Essential Caregivers will test on **Thursday, August 12th and Monday, August 16th** from 6:45 am- 8:15 am at the Woodland Lodge Building (East Lower-Level Entrance).

THREE for Otter Tail County Top THREE!

LB Homes was nominated in 3 categories for Daily Journal Media's "Best of Otter Tail County"!

1. Congratulations, to the LB Home Care team for their top 3 nomination of **"Best Home Care in Otter Tail County"**!
2. Congratulations, to Erin Norgren, RN LB Hospice for being nominated as a top 3 **"Best Nurse in Otter Tail County"**!
3. And CONGRATULATIONS, to LB Homes for being nominated as a top 3 **"Best Place to Work in Otter Tail County"**!

We need you! Voting is happening now for "The **BEST**" of Otter Tail County. Help us be #1 in every category!



***Best Nurse—Erin Norgren, RN LB Hospice**

Voting closes on August 24th, 2021. ***Vote today and vote tomorrow – you can vote every day!***
Invite your friends and let them know to vote LB Homes!

Did You Know We Have Virtual Tours?

We are running a move in special until October 1st for LB Alcott Manor and LB Sheridan House. If you know someone looking for independent or assisted living, invite them to check out our virtual tours. [Tour HERE](#)

For questions, contact Don Mollerud, our Sales Specialist by calling 218.770.4444 or email, Don.Mollerud@LBHomes.org and to learn more about available apartment options.



Volunteers? Yes, please.

Want to join the fun? Our volunteers are instrumental in resident activities. Volunteers also assist in our LB Hospice program. We would love to hear from you – or **share this with someone you know would be a great volunteer!**

Anyone interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities can contact Titus at Titus.Christianson@lbhomes.org for more information or call 218.998.1400.



**LB Homes Cumulative COVID-19 Operations Report
3/13/2020 – 8/03/2021**

Entity <small>*Numbers in this table reflect testing of symptomatic residents and employees tested outside of Point Prevalence Survey testing.</small>	Number of residents or clients tested	Number of residents or clients confirmed positive	Number of employees tested	Number of employees confirmed positive	Number of COVID-19 related deaths
LB Broen Home	82	0	115	15: (No longer isolated)	0
LB Alcott Manor	5	0	9	1: (No longer isolated)	0
LB Woodland Lodge	3	0	7	2: (No longer isolated)	0
LB Home Care	14	10	10	1: (No longer isolated)	0
LB Hospice	6	5	14	4: (No longer isolated)	0

LB Homes Point Prevalence Survey (PPS)/Routine Testing

Date of Point Prevalence Survey Testing	Number of residents or clients tested	Number of residents or clients confirmed positive	Number of employees/essential caregivers tested	Number of employees/essential caregivers positive
July 26, 2021 *Antigen tests	10	0	128	0
* PCR tests	0	0	10	0
August 2, 2021 *Antigen tests	12	0	100	0
* PCR tests	0	0	1	1 pending

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

- * 04/16/2021 General visitation (scheduled) re-opened at Broen Home
- * 03/30/2021 Fourth COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – Nursing Home & Assisted Living (3rd vaccine)
- * 03/02/2021 Third COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – Nursing Home & Assisted Living (2nd 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 (1st 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

If you did not receive your vaccine and would like to, please let me know,
or check out the resources found here:

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