



**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 7/25 through 7/31 was **3.90%** (previous week: 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 19th and Monday, August 23rd** from 6:00am—9am in the **2N Dining room**, near Light and Life Auditorium. Enter through door I. 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 19th and Monday, August 23rd** from 6:45 am- 8:15 am at the Woodland Lodge Building (East Lower-Level Entrance).

Did You Vote Today?

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



Thank you for selecting **LB Homes!**
Top 3 Ottertail County

***Best Place to Work**

***Best Home Care**

***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!

A Quacking Good Time!

Some of our LB Homes residents visited Prairie Wetlands for a memorable experience duck banding! One of our residents was even able to release one of the mallards. Check out LB Homes on Facebook for the video!



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.

Volunteer

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

Entity	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
*Numbers in this table reflect testing of symptomatic residents and employees tested outside of Point Prevalence Survey testing.					
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	10	0	128	0
*Antigen tests				
* PCR tests	0	0	10	0
August 2, 2021	12	0	100	0
*Antigen tests				
* 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, contact Sam Finch at 218.998.7336 or check out the resources found here:

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