



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 158 days!** Our county positivity rate for the week of 8/15 through 8/21 was **4.60%** (two weeks prior, it was: 6.70%). 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 base 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 **Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** 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 **Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** from 6:45 am- 8:15 am at the Woodland Lodge Building (East Lower-Level Entrance).

**Turning it WOW!**

Thank you to everyone who submitted WOW cards! We have many people, everyday that go above and beyond. Gratitude goes

The LB Homes recognized for their demonstration of LB Homes' core values while serving others – a star next to their name indicates they were a multiple WOW card recipient:

Pat Barth  
Carrie Brue  
★ Darcy Wandersee  
Marcia Aasness

★ Sam Facio  
Brenda Swanson  
Jade Zierden

Andrew Grimes  
Gail Gudum  
Larry Hoalcraft



**And the Winner is....**



SHUFFLING.....PICKING..... CONGRATULATIONS, LARRY HOALCRAFT!

**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](mailto:Titus.Christianson@lbhomes.org) for more information or call 218.998.1400.



Wishing all a safe and happy school year! May it be filled with creativity, growth, and friendship.

**How many times can you subtract 10 from 100?**

**Once. The next time you would be subtracting 10 from 90.**

**Why do bees have sticky hair?**

**Because they use honeycombs.**

**LB Homes Cumulative COVID-19 Operations Report**  
**3/13/2020 – 8/31/2021**

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Number of residents or clients tested</b>	<b>Number of residents or clients confirmed positive</b>	<b>Number of employees tested</b>	<b>Number of employees confirmed positive</b>	<b>Number of COVID-19 related deaths</b>
<b>*Numbers in this table reflect testing of symptomatic residents and employees tested outside of Point Prevalence Survey testing.</b>					
<b>LB Broen Home</b>	84	0	119	15: (No longer isolated)	0
<b>LB Alcott Manor</b>	5	0	9	1: (No longer isolated)	0
<b>LB Woodland Lodge</b>	3	0	7	2: (No longer isolated)	0
<b>LB Home Care</b>	14	10	10	1: (No longer isolated)	0
<b>LB Hospice</b>	6	5	17	5: (No longer isolated)	0

**LB Homes Point Prevalence Survey (PPS)/Routine Testing**

<b>Date of Point Prevalence Survey Testing</b>	<b>Number of residents or clients tested</b>	<b>Number of residents or clients confirmed positive</b>	<b>Number of employees/essential caregivers tested</b>	<b>Number of employees/essential caregivers positive</b>
August 19, 2021	1	0	79	0
*Antigen tests				
* PCR tests	0	0	2	0
August 23, 2021	11	0	114	0
*Antigen tests				
* PCR tests	0	0	3	0
August 26, 2021	6	0	80	0
*Antigen tests				
* PCR tests	0	0	3	0
August 30, 2021	11	0	112	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 (3<sup>rd</sup> vaccine)
- \* 03/02/2021 Third COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – Nursing Home & Assisted Living (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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).