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OUR MISSION:
To empower people to make choices
that result in a life of dignity and
increased independence.

AbSSLC News

Abilene SSLC

Week of June 8th, 2020

COVID19 Testing for AbSSLC Staff

COVID19 Testing will be done with all staff on **June 17th, 18th & 19th**.

The test itself is done with an **oral swab test** that you complete under the supervision of nursing staff that have been specially trained to ensure it is done correctly and you get a valid result. There have been numerous questions about how the test is done – the video here (<https://youtu.be/LNopEE7IC6E>) shows the process in detail.

A critical step in the testing process is to ensure you do not eat, drink or brush your teeth 20 minutes before you have your test.

Additional information (including your scheduled day/time) will be coming out as the actual testing gets closer. With over 1,200 staff to test, it will be very important that you do your test as scheduled.

Big Winners for the Week!



Joseph Bideri, 6360 1st
Street, 10-6 Shift
\$50 Winner from AbSSLC



Elaine Jerry Guerrero
Activity Centers
\$100 Winner from Scott

AbSSLC Nursing Hotline for COVID19 Issues

If **you, or anyone in your household**, is tested for COVID19, it is **critical** that you contact the AbSSLC Nursing Hotline. You can reach this line by dialing INFO (x4636) from any campus phone or by calling 692-4053 x4636 from off-campus. Please note you will be asked to leave your full name and phone number on the recording – Nursing checks this line multiple times a day and will return your call. Please be patient – they are receiving numerous calls each day and want to take the time to ensure all of your questions are answered fully.

What goes down our drains?

If a picture is worth a thousand words, this one is likely worth even more ... the mess shown below was removed from the screen trap right before the campus sewer line enters the city lines. As you can see, there is huge number of wipes (and a face mask) that we caught. It's very likely more made it to the city. Please **never flush wipes** (or basically anything except toilet paper) down the commodes. Doing so stops up our lines – frequently – but can also result in a fine from the City of Abilene.

You should never flush wipes down your commode at home – even if the package says it's flushable. It's really not and you run the risk of a major stoppage!



Vaping and e-Cigarettes Added to Definition of Tobacco Use in ERS Policy

Starting September 1st, 2020 all participants in Texas Employees Group Benefits Program (GBP) health plans who use electronic cigarettes and vaping products must be certified during Summer Enrollment as tobacco users and pay the tobacco user premium.

Reminders:

- A badge is **required** to enter campus – please have it out and ready to show as you approach the gate.
- Please have your face mask on correctly for your protection and the protection of those doing temps as you enter campus.

Shout Outs

Shout Out to **Marianna Rivera**! She does an excellent job in the food service department. She is always will to extend her services beyond her clerk position to help wherever needed. You are greatly appreciated.

Shout out to **Renay Kellum** Active Treatment Coordinator thanks for all that you do.

SHOUT OUT to **Shonica Tatum** in the infirmary for always communicating and when there is something to be done she handles it swiftly and professionally. Im happy to be a part of her team!

I'd like to do a SHOUT OUT to **Cindy Arellano**. During this time when all visitors – including Volunteers – are restricted from campus. Cindy is calling the regular volunteers on a regular basis to check on how they are doing, seeing if they need anything – and IF they do – she GETS IT for THEM! She keeps the volunteers in-the-loop about what is happening and lets them know they are missed. She follows up on their donations of home-made masks and informs them of volunteer opportunities that they can perform from off-campus. Cindy Arellano makes each volunteer feel special and important to AbSSLC!

Shout Out!

Have you seen someone do the above & beyond or just want to recognize great work?

It's easy to send in your Shout Out!

- “Reply” to any of AskAdmin Text Group messages
- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments
- Text their name your comments to 325.370.4525
- Leave your comments on the TALK Line (x8255 from any campus phone)

Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others!