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Health and Human
Services

★ Abilene State Supported Living Center ★

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

AbSSLC News

Abilene SSLC

Week of January 18th, 2021

AbSSLC COVID19 Status (as of COB 01.15.2021)

Individuals currently in Isolation	20
Total Individuals Tested Positive	111
Total Individuals Recovered	91
Total Staff Tested Positive	525
Total Staff Recovered	490

Please note that this information is subject to change daily.
The numbers shown are current as the date shown at the top
of the chart.

COVID-19 Testing Week of 01.18.2021

Wednesday, 01.20.2021
& Friday, 01.22.2021
5:30am-11:30am & 1pm-3pm

All staff are required to test unless you have
tested positive in the past 90 days.

What happened to my AskAdmin?

Each time we send out **AskAdmin** messages
we get 5-15 back that “bounced”. This is
usually something related to the carrier you
are using, the status of your phone or the
alignment of the stars. If you have noticed
that you are no longer receiving messages,
you can sign back up by texting **AskAdmin** to
474747 again.

COVID19 Vaccine!

We will be offering the COVID19 vaccine again on **Thursday, 1/21** at the
Lone Star Coffee & Tea House. Hours will be **6am-10am & 1pm-3pm**.

You can still get the vaccine even if you had previously declined - just get a
new consent form from your supervisor or complete one when you come
for your vaccine.

If you are still unsure of getting it, please take time to research the benefits
it offers to you, your family and those we serve. It truly can be a life
changing decision that you make.

Let's talk Politics ...

Actually – let's not. Any type of political talk/texting is not an appropriate topic to be
discussed at work as other might have differing opinions. This can lead to very
heated conversations and/or upset others and doing so is actually against HHS Work
Rules:

HHS HR Policy – Work Rules

Employees are expected to observe work rules. Violating work rules may result in
disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from employment and possible
criminal prosecution. Any employee who knows about a violation of work rules and
does not report it may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal
from employment.

These rules may extend beyond regular work hours and the employee's work site,
provided there is a verifiable relationship between the employee's conduct and job
performance or agency policies.

HHS employees must:

- Work Rule 1, be familiar with and follow all HHS policies and procedures relating
to job performance and work rules;
- Work Rule 2, perform their job duties, meet HHS standards for job performance,
maintain required certification or licensure, and follow job-related instructions
from HHS supervisors;
- Work Rule 3, avoid, during assigned work hours, doing personal work or personal
reading, using the telephone excessively for personal reasons, or behaving in a
way that distracts other employees or disrupts the workplace;
- Work Rule 6, exhibit courtesy and respect in all interactions with clients, peers,
coworkers, vendors, contractors, and any other people employees meet in the
course of their jobs; and
- Work Rule 29, not act in a manner at any time that interferes with the proper
performance of duties, office operations, or HHS agency and program goals and
objectives, or act in a manner that violates HHS agency or program rules,
regulations, or policies.

Please don't drive across the grass ...



Shout Outs!

I want to give a huge Shout Out to the transportation drivers that came in on Sunday (1/10/21) to drive on the snow and ice, picking up staff so the homes would have good coverage, Food Services Workers were here to make and serve food, and nurses were here to provide all medical needs for the individuals. When you see **Chris Macias, Blake O'Donald, Shane Ryan, Sonja Serrano,** and **Jimmy Minor** please thank them for a job well done!!! A special thanks goes to **Ernest Lindley** since he gets up really early on these days to check roads to see if drivers are needed. **Go Transportation!**

A special Shout Out and Thank You! to our **Grounds crew**. These guys were out in freezing conditions very early each morning to sure the sidewalks were safe for us to use and clear of ice/snow.

Shout out to **John Ruiz** and **Richard Templeton** for making the trip to North Texas State Hospital to get our COVID19 and safely transport it back to Abilene.

Shout out to the **Volunteer Services Council** for supplying snacks for COVID shot days.

A big thank you to **Jeff Goza**. He has been so helpful in getting equipment and supplies needed for our students who are learning remotely! Without him, we would not be having the successes that we are having with our school-aged students!

A big thank you to **Huey Bryan**. He has gotten computers, programmed them for our students and helped out whenever needed. He is another reason our school year has been successful!

Shout out to **Ruben Galvan**. He has made boxes and mounted computers to the walls for our students. Anytime we ask, he jumps in and makes modifications, too. He is another reason for the successful school year we are having!

Shout out to **Shae Butts**. We needed an activity for our students that was similar to what the students were doing in their classes at Cooper and she helped make that a possibility. This has been another success for our students!

Just wanted to SHOUT OUT to **Joe Guajardo** in Carpentry. He made beautiful bed risers for one of the ladies bed so they would blend in and she wouldn't be upset about her bed being changed. This helps us get her HOB elevated without a wedge or something else without impacting the aesthetics. Thank you, Joe for the beautiful work 😊

I would like to send a shout out to **Chris Brockmeyer** in Accounting. Thank you for helping a damsel in distress last Monday to change my tire even though it was cold with the snow and wet. I truly appreciate it.

Shout Out!

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

It's easy to give a Shout Out!

- "Reply" to any of the update texts you receive through the AskAdmin Text Group
- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments.
- Text their name & your comments to 325.370.4525

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