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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 March 1st, 2021

AbSSLC COVID19 Status (as of COB 02.26.2021)

Individuals currently in Isolation	0
Total Individuals Tested Positive	117
Total Individuals Recovered	117
Total Staff Tested Positive	547
Total Staff Recovered	541

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.

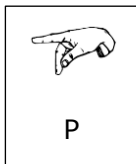
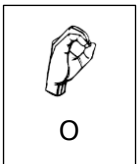
Dear Staff and Administrators of the Abilene SSLC,
Re: Winter Storm of 2021

Sitting at home in the middle of the afternoon, wrapped up in blankets due to lack of heat in the house, I thought about how blessed our family is due to all of you at the Abilene SSLC. Even in the midst of the winter storm, I knew from my daughter's laughter on the phone that she was warm, fed, and cared for. I know many of you went above and beyond the call of duty as you cared for Jessica and all of the residents who call the SSLC campus, "home." Of course, this doesn't surprise anyone ... going above and beyond what's expected is just a daily routine for you. I know you are overworked and underpaid ... but I hope you also know you are highly valued and appreciated by the families, friends, and guardians of the residents you care for.

You are constantly in our prayers.

With gratitude,
David Perkins,
Father of Jessica and
President, Family Association of the Abilene SSLC

Let's Learn to Sign!



The **Love of Food** school project food drive has been extended to **March 15th** due to the recent Snovid event

Calling in Sick

- If you are calling in for any kind of illness, you **MUST** call the Nursing Hotline **FIRST**. If you or anyone in your household is tested for COVID-19 you must call the Nursing Hotline immediately. You can reach this line by dialing **INFO (x4636)** from any campus phone or by calling **692-4053 x4636** from off-campus.
- **Please watch for calls from the Hotline after you leave a message! The call will come from a "795-3xxx" number** or a Cell Phone number you likely don't know. Nursing **will** return your call but many times they do not get an answer and/or your voicemail is not setup.
- Remember that you must also clear with **Risk Management**. This is a critical part in getting you back to work safely. You can reach them at 325.795.3248 (x3248).

Drum Roll Please ...

After many months - years? - of waiting, both the (World Famous) **5th Street Diner** and the **Lone Star Coffee & Tea House** will reopen on March 3rd! Of all the things going on, the "when" for both areas to open back up is likely the most frequent question we get!

**The Diner will open Tuesday (3/2)
for individuals only**

Both the Diner & LSC TH will open for **all** on Wednesday 3/3.

We are having issues with the new Debit/Credit card machines so it's possible we will be "cash only" for a few days – we will know more on this as we get closer to opening.

Social Distancing and (**proper**) wearing of masks is a very important part of opening both locations. Please make sure you are doing your part to honor this – which, in turn, helps them be able to stay open! Please note the menus & hours may be limited during the initial reopening period.

COVID19 Testing Week of 03.01.21

Round 1

Tuesday, 03.02 or

- 0530-1130
- 1300-1500

Wednesday, 03.03

- 0700-1130
- 1300-1500

Round 2

Thursday, 03.04 or

- 0700-1130
- 1300-1500

Friday, 03.05

- 0530-1130
- 1300-1500

Due to the increased positivity rate in Taylor County we have now changed back to **2x per week testing**. You must attend one day of each round!

Shout Outs!

6720 Circle Drive and **6750 Circle Drive** need a gold medal for coming together under 1 roof and making it work!

Shout out to the **6 pharmacy staff** that endured a whole week of a building with no heat, icy roads , subzero temps to prepare, check, and deliver meds to our folks here on campus!

Shout out to the folks who work the **switchboard**! They are always very patient and helpful. Thank you for being there at the end of each phone call!

Shout out to RCCs, **Bill** and **Thomas**, on 10 to 6 for always being there when staff at 6690 Circle Drive need something.

Shout out to **Jay Love** for helping the 6690 Circle Drive night shift with our water situation. It was a rough week, and he's always quick to help staff with anything we need help with. Even when it was negative 3 degrees he responded quickly when I called for help.

Shout out to the **DSPs at 6690 Circle Drive** all shifts for standing together and helping the individuals remain calm (and each other) about our situation in the home.

Shout out to night shift camera monitors **Chico, Jens, Jose**, and the rest of the gang for checking on this home regularly to insure we are safe from fires. The electrical, plumbing, and other problems on the home are serious issues we don't think about, but it's very possible a fire could occur.

Shout out to **Jeff Goza** for insuring our needs were met this week. Thank you for the bottled water, the buckets are a blessing, and the drum the water is being added into.

Shout out to **RCCs Bill** and **Thomas** on nightshift for helping 6690 through a traumatic week. They are always available to give advice and answer any questions.

I want to give a SHOUT OUT to **all our employees** and **the people that call AbSSLC their home** for making it through the week long deadly winter weather event & natural disaster. I am always in awe of all that work at this facility for how people come together and do whatever is necessary to get through the toughest situations imaginable. Over my 15 years as part of the AbSSLC family there have been a few difficult times however, I do not remember a time like this. We had people without power and water at their homes that braved difficult and very dangerous conditions to come to their jobs and do amazing and extremely challenging work that made all the

difference in the world for the wellbeing and survival of the wonderful people we serve at the Abilene State Supported Living Center.

Shout out to **JT** in plumbing!

Shout out to **Transportation** for providing rides to and from work so we could serve our residents.

I would like to give a huge shoutout to 6330s housekeeper, **Victoria Mairena**. She has always been an awesome housekeeper. But she has really shone this as 6330 was moved to 5921. The smaller area has caused behaviors that have caused her more work. She always has a good morning for everyone and she is very good with the men that live here. Victoria, you are appreciated!

Shout Out to **Chris Cox** from Recreation – he showed up early everyday even though he lives in Clyde. He worked hard no stop with no complaints and gave staff rides home without hesitation ! He help move 6740 Circle Drive to a safe home. He deserves to be recognized! He's a hard worker that goes beyond even when he's not asked, he just jumps in and does what needs to be done and ask for nothing in return. The individuals love him and the staff appreciates him too! Thank you Chris for all you do and continue to do!

RCC's would like to give a shout out to **TRANSPORTATION**, during the crazy weather last week they were here giving staff rides safely to and from work who lived in town and were pretty busy from sun up to sun down and even in between! They had such positive attitudes and their help getting staff to work was tremendous. The bad weather didn't stop them from trucking along and us RCC's appreciate every one of them who helped transport!
THANK YOU!

Shout Out!

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

It's easy to do 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 and your comments to 325.370.4525

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