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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 April 5th, 2021

Mandatory TB Testing

Tuesday, 04.06 or Wednesday, 04.07
0530-1030 & 1330-1500
Nursing Building (B646)
(behind the LSCTH)

Testing is required for all staff

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 must also contact **Risk Management** to be cleared.

COVID19 Testing

Week of 04.05.21

Tuesday, 04.06

- 0530-1130
- 1300-1500

or

Wednesday, 04.07

- 0700-1130
- 1300-1500

Due to the decreased positivity rate in Taylor County we are now testing **2x per month**. You will see this notice the 1st and 3rd week of each month until further notice.

Please note this is subject to change – and possibly at short notice. Watch your texts & emails for updates!

Phone Directories - Save time by looking up the number!

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Severe Weather, AbSSLC & You

Severe weather is a fact of life in West Texas and can be a very scary situation with those we serve. It can often be hard to get everyone to the designated “safe place” quickly and to keep everyone calm while doing so. It can also be difficult for the Individuals to understand why they are being crowded together in a small space.

Each building on campus has one or more designated “safe place” areas where you go when instructed. These areas were selected based on the design of the building, location of windows, etc. Several areas may be available in a given building because of the number of people that will need it. There is a map at each building that shows these areas – you should be familiar with both the map and the designated areas for building(s) you use regularly.

When a severe storm threatens the **immediate area of the campus** we will activate our on-campus siren (up and down tone) and phone tree to let staff/individuals here know it’s time to move to the safe places. We try to limit this as much as possible – due to the impact it has on those we serve – while still keeping everyone safe. There may be times when Taylor County is placed under a Tornado Warning but, due to the location & direction of the storm, we do not place the campus in weather lockdown. This gets confusing because the radio/TV is telling you something different than what you are hearing on campus – please understand we will activate our internal system if we feel there is **any** danger to the campus itself.

Once activated, we also try to limit the amount of time we keep everyone under cover but again, this is based on the immediate threat to the campus. It’s a balance between keeping everyone safe and keeping them confined to small area. When we are clear, you will hear a steady tone from the siren and receive another phone call.

Have you certified your March 2021 Timesheet?

Shout Outs!

Here at 6360 1st Street we have 16 gentlemen that live here. The amazingness for the gentlemen is they have taught staff more than staff could ever teach the gentlemen!

The amazingness for staff is there are 8 staff that have been here with the gentlemen for 10 years or more. 4 staff that have been here 5 years or more. 3 staff two years or more and one, for one year. The staff really enjoy working here at ABSSLC and love the gentlemen living at 6360. Myself I enjoy supervising all the staff and working with staff also. I have enjoyed working with gentlemen at 6360 for 15 years they are like brothers to me.

There's a set of the challenges in assisting in bathing, shaving, toothbrushing and doing personal care on 16 gentlemen (9 are ambulatory - 7 use wheelchairs). Assisting in meal times and snacks is another set of challenges (4 are assisted by staff while 12 feed themselves). Then you have challenges in assisting all the other departments (Professionals write the program staff run the programs) with what the gentlemen have to get accomplished for their departments (Medical, Dental, HAB, Audiology) for just a few. Then of course there's active treatment and everything that encompasses (All day every day). And then you have all the challenges that COVID has caused (restricted to on campus only) and all the mask, face shields, gowns, booties and gloves all the time on COVID homes.

As staff here at 6360 1st Street we help the gentlemen to be the best they can be and to live with dignity and respect. And I think that ALL STAFF do the best they can to accomplish that goal for all the individuals that reside here at ABSSLC.

Shout Out to **Candice Moore** and **Ronda Reed** in Risk Management. They made the process so smooth and easy in preparing my Medical Leave for surgery and recovery!

I want to give a shout out to **Shawna Johnson** from housekeeping, she has been in the maintenance building for the past few days and done a great job. She is very kind, and her hard work does not go unnoticed!! Thank you Shawna!!

BIG shout out to **Joe Rodriguez**, who works 6-2 at 6710 Circle Drive, for going above and beyond while trying to locate some equipment at the home. He looked in all bedroom areas and behind all locked doors. Thanks for the huge A+ effort.

Shout Out for **Vecente Ramos** - He made the Administration Building Accounting floors look awesome again! We had terrible black marks from the partitions separating our desks and he work super hard to get the floors looking great again. Thank you for going the extra mile, we appreciate you!!!

A special shout out to **Chelsey Cunningham** – she helped us out Thursday by picking up the meds for all of the cottages! This is a big time saver and is very much appreciated.

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!