



TEXAS  
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 June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

### COVID19 Testing

Week of 06.21.2021

We should know by noon Monday if testing is required this week. Our testing frequency is based on numbers received from CMS.

**If testing is required, we will follow our normal Tuesday/Wednesday schedule and will announce it via text & email**

Are you signed up for the AskAdmin text group? This is the best way to keep up with happenings at AbSSLC! Text **AskAdmin** to **474747** to join!



### Employee Retirement System June 21 – July 3, 2021

<https://www.ers.texas.gov/my-account-login>

This is your opportunity to make any needed changes to your benefit coverage. Changes are only allowed during the yearly open enrollment period or as the result of a life-changing event

### SUGGESTIONS

We want to hear from **you** on how to make AbSSLC an even better place to live & work!

Text your thoughts & suggestions to 325.370.4525

We need your help in watering trees & bushes around campus. Even with the great rains we had in May, the amazingly hot weather is already starting to place a strain on the trees & bushes. The Grounds Crew waters the stuff away from buildings but we need your help in watering what you can easily reach with a water hose around your Home or Department.

### Why are we still wearing masks?

There have been numerous questions about wearing masks since Governor Abbott relaxed the overall rules for the State.

The SSLCs fall under the guidance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This federal agency outlines much of what we do through the “W Tags” and supplies a very significant amount of our funding. Although many areas have changed, CMS still requires **medical/surgical masks** be worn (**correctly!**) while on campus so we must continue. Shields/goggles won’t be required unless the Taylor County goes above a 5% positivity rate in COVID testing.



# Shout Outs!

Shout out to **Chris Martinez** and **Angela Scott** for always coming in on their 2 days off and helping with campus coverage. It is truly appreciated during this time when campus shortages are high.

A huge shoutout to our Housekeeper **Connie Zeledon** at 6480 Mimosa. This home smells amazing and its clean clean! She works hard and takes pride in making this home stand out above all others. Her work ethic is strong and it shows! Thank you so much Connie - your work does not go unnoticed!

I want to give a shout out to my co-worker **Diana Wilson** as she spotted a transformer outside our building sparking and began procedures to keep the staff and residents safe.

I want to give a shout out to the **Home Staff at 6330 3<sup>rd</sup> Street!** The staff does a great job at care for the individuals there! The staff does above and beyond to make sure the individuals are living a very independent life as possible! I so appreciate 6330 staff - Keep up the great work guys!

Shout out to **Jessica Tercero, Chris Martinez, Orianna James,** and **Tatiana Walker** for using their artistic gifts to help in decorating and making items for the Infirmary.

I would like to make a shoutout to **QIDP Blake Harruff!** He is the glue that keeps our team together. He is a fantastic co-worker and is always willing to go the extra mile even if it means extra paperwork him. (We know Qs hate paperwork.) He shows a true passion for the gentleman he serves and has a fantastic relationship with them all. He is truly appreciated.

Just want to give a shot out to home **6450 Plums's IDT** and **Anita Olguin** for interpreting the meeting for the family. The team did an amazing job adjusting and allowing time for Anita to explain to the family all that was discussed in the ISP. Amazing job of teamwork and great example of why we do what we do!

## 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!