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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 August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## COVID19 Testing

Week of 08.30.2021

**We are testing 2x per week!**

### Round 1

**Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

**Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

0700-1130 & 1300-1500

### Round 2

**Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

**Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

0700-1130 & 1300-1500

You must test **both rounds** each week

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!

### AbSSLC COVID19 Status – As of Friday, 8/27/21

(counts since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021)

Number of Individuals Positive	0
Number of Individuals currently in Isolation	0
Number of Staff Positive	14

### Cardboard ... lots and lots of Cardboard

We are not currently recycling cardboard since the City of Abilene no longer does this. All boxes should be flattened and then placed in one of the metal dumpsters. The dumpster behind the Warehouse is reserved for cardboard but any of the metal dumpsters can be used. And yes, you can use the plastic ones too, but they fill up FAST.

## Campus Construction

A brief update on the construction happening on (and around) campus:

- The Cottage remodel continues. All of the cottages are getting new flooring (except for the Living Room), inside & outside paint, new kitchen cabinets and new siding. In addition, our Maintenance guys have done some extra work to make the house a home – some you will see, some is behind the scenes. 6710 Circle Dr. is basically done, just waiting on the installation of fire alarm components and final painting. 6740 Circle Drive is about 30-45 days away from completion.
- The Old Superintendent Home (by Senior Citizens) has had the roof replaced, extensive brick work and new paint. It is still 30-60 days away from completion, however.
- The “North Quad” (6330, 6340, 6350 & 6360) along with the “South Quad” (6370, 6380, 6390 & 6400) will be getting new HVAC in the next few months. This is a very welcome change and will take all 8 buildings off of the Powerhouse for heating purposes.
- Our guys are constructing a fence along the north property line.

While not on campus, construction to our North & South will likely impact us at some point – at least where traffic is concerned.

- A **large** housing addition is going up north of us (basically at the Berry/Maple intersection). We are told that 100s of homes will be built.
- A 42-unit apartment complex is going up on East South 27<sup>th</sup>, close to the Centennial Park entrance. This will require careful watching as cars pull in & out on the curve.

# Shout Outs!

Shout Out to HAB lady **Patricia Walker** at 6510 Peach. She is AMAZING! Not only does she go above and beyond to teach us the important details for caring for the residents, she helps us care for them as well. She takes time out of her schedule to help us with personal care, transfers, etc. She is a blessing to have on the home and to have on our team.

Shout out RN's **Kelsey Miller, Shonica Tatum, Rejhana Elizie,** Infirmary 6-2 and 2-10 shifts on a job well done. There was a couple of medical issues going on right before the start of shift change going into the 2-10 shift. It was what one would call a very stressful time dealing with 2 different medical issues and severity. The wonderful nurses, and staff were all able to pull it off without panic or pause. They all worked together and was able to pass it to the oncoming shift without a hiccup and the other's continuing on where they left off. As I sat and think about what I witnessed it made me happy to be a part of team that works together all for the benefit of the individuals getting the care they need. Shout out to **Marta Toler** and **Antionette Niyokwizera** as well for jumping in. The Infirmary is definitely a great place to work and you guys are definitely appreciated.

Shout Out for **Leigh Ann Tucker!** She has gone above and beyond in keeping this campus safe. We appreciate your going the extra mile in getting the Day Programs fit tested for N95 masks when she was already snowed under with other tasks. Thanks Leigh Ann, for being such a wonderful help!

Want to give a big SHOUT OUT and recognition to **Cindy** and **Savannah,** Active Treatment staff at 6521 Peach for having all individuals up and for engaging with them in a respectful manner on Monday morning. Great work ladies!

I want to shout out to **Vocational Services.** Especially the RTT IIs and IIIs. They have done amazing job given the circumstances. Pushing hard through the tough days but always seem to brighten our individuals faces! Thank y'all so so much. Keep up crew!

Shout out to **Jessica Garcia.** She has been doing a great job as HRO. She runs meetings smoothly and is responsive to the needs of the IDTs.

Nurse **Brandi Jacques** at home 6510 Peach is SWEET with the residents. Just watching the way she talks to them while she cares for them is adorable. She gets silly, sweet, & down to earth with them. She genuinely cares for them. She is like a super nurse, the moment you need her she is there. She is a team player. She helps in every way she can and beyond. She is a blessing to have on our home and on our team.

I would like to give a shout out to **Carissa Mason** and **Lacey Jones** at 5971. I watched these two ladies pass meds, but in an awesome way. They each had a special rapport with the individuals. They talked to them about all kinds of things as they did their meds. These nurses made each individual special in a way that not too many people do. We need more nurses like them. Way to be, ladies!

## 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!