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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 October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## COVID19 Testing

Week of 10.25.2021

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

### Round 1

**Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

**Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**  
0700-1130 & 1300-1500

### Round 2

**Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

**Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
0700-1130 & 1300-1500

You must test **both** rounds each week

Hey Y'all- Let's have some Hallo-FUN!!

Halloween Parade

Friday, 10/29/2021

Line Up: 2:30pm

(Service Street between Workshop 3 and Maintenance)

Start Time: 3:00pm

Decorate (Fall/Halloween theme NOT scary) your vehicle, cart, trailer, bike, skates, etc. and come join us in this FUN campus event that will help put smiles on the faces of the people we serve!

Please let Shae Butts know if you/your department plan to participate! (at this time, individuals may watch  
Call/Email Shae Butts: 3547

## AbSSLC COVID19 Status

As of Friday, 10/22/21

Number of Individuals Positive	0
Number of Individuals currently in Isolation	0
Number of Staff Positive	4

## I am HHS: Emily Sterpka

**Name:** Emily Sterpka  
**Job title:** Behavioral Health Specialist



### What do you do?

I create individualized behavior support plans for each resident that address challenging behaviors while teaching meaningful alternative behaviors at the Abilene State Supported Living Center. I collaborate within the team to ensure the supports provided are carried through to other disciplines as well. My job provides me with the ability to work hands on with the people we serve and with the staff to ensure the plans offer stability and the opportunity to develop independence through prevention/responding techniques that are individualized to each person. Continue reading @ <https://tapit.us/ZYMp5o>

## Send us your Pictures!

HHSC & Scott are both asking for pictures honoring your current and/or previous service in the military or other memories related to Veterans Day. **As in the past, we would also like to feature these pictures & stories in the (much beloved) weekly AbSSLC Newsletter.**

You can send to all 3 of us  
([Scott.Schalchlin@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:Scott.Schalchlin@hhs.texas.gov),  
[chris.reichman@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:chris.reichman@hhs.texas.gov) & [jeff.goza@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:jeff.goza@hhs.texas.gov))  
or if you want to send it to Jeff Goza only, I will forward to both Scott & Chris. You can also text your picture/story if that is easier to 325.370.4525

**Wear the Mask**  
**Love the Mask**  
**Be the Mask**

## Flu Clinic

**Thursday, 11/4**  
**6am-2pm**  
**Nursing Building**



# Shout Outs! (Text your Shout Out to 325-370.4525)

I would love to give a shout out to each and every one who took part in making the Tier II Leadership Program happen! It was beneficial, so know even when you felt you didn't have time to give more, we all as a class enjoyed the time and effort that was put in. I would love to shout out my boss **Jeff Branch**, he pushes me to be better and had he not this round I likely wouldn't have applied for this - So, THANK YOU! Next I'd love to shout out my mentor **Amber Stanford**, even during her busy week she would ensure to make time to meet with me and discuss a few topics. THANK YOU! I felt you were truly an amazing mentor for me to have as you have always been someone I looked up to! I would also love to give **Kevin Adams** a shout out, you are certainly NOT old and keep us cool around here! 🙌 😊

Also, I encourage each and every one of you to apply the next opportunity rather it's for Tier I or II!

Big appreciative THANK YOU to **Kelly Clemons, RN** at 6480 Mimosa. I LOVE how you laid out the information for an individual creating an easy to read/understand timeline of illnesses, ER visits, and AbSSLC Infirmery stays in one great Note in IRIS. Thank you so very much for your fantastic documentation!

Shout out to **Donnie Full**! He helped 6690 Circle Drive on all 3 shifts in several different ways. He made sure the holdovers had something to eat (dominoes pizza 🍕 😊) and helped with breakfast when day shift was short staffed. He also handled a behavior crisis and helped float staff with a crisis. Big pats on the back to him. 6690 staff all 3 shifts appreciate all he does for us.

Thank you to **Leigh Ann Tucker** (Infection Control Nurse) for making Infection Control Prevent week such a FUN week! You did a great job planning with your creative ideas and getting everything ready and putting it all into action. We are SO lucky to have YOU! Thank YOU for all you do each and every day for all of us.

I would like to send a huge shout outs to the following:

All of the employees at AbSSLC for working so hard to keep the individuals safe from infections despite the challenges that we have faced with COVID and having to wear face masks and eye protection. I appreciate each and every one of you for doing your part in making your intention infection prevention! **AbSSLC Rocks!**

I also want to thank the following for helping make Infection Prevention Week fun and successful:

And the following:

- **Shae Butts** and **Volunteer Services** for the donation of prizes and certificates
- **Jeff Goza** for helping with the drink certificates and sending out emails with infection control related reminders and tolerating my constant requests!
- **Beverly Okerstom** for helping with ideas, and gift bags for everyone.
- **Pam Lantrip** and **Shanna Barron** for helping put the bags together.
- **James Mora** and **Ashley Alonzo** for helping deliver the gift bags.
- **Activity Center** and **HAS staff** for getting the residents involved in infection prevention with making the AMAZING posters!
- **Susan Kilpatrick** and **Keri McClure** for making the Infection Control banner

I could not have completed this endeavor without each and every one of you and I appreciate you more than you know.

The Infection Control posters were AWESOME! We have some **super talented people** here! Good job!!

Last week, a letter asking for monetary donations towards the On-Campus Food Pantry was sent out by the Family Association (a group of family members who have loved ones living here).

Donations are coming in to the VSC with sweet words of thanks and encouragement to **YOU** from family members of people that live here, and we wanted to share these with you:

*"Thank You for so much you all do for my sister and all of the other residents there. We feel truly blessed that you all care so much for our loved ones". ~ Linda*

*"Thank you so much for all the hard work y'all have put forth during these crazy times. Thank you for keeping things running so smoothly and for caring so deeply for our loved ones. We truly appreciate each and every one of you" ~ Roger and Joy*

*"Thank you for all you've done over the years" ~ Suzanne*

Shout Out to our Physical Therapists **Jennie, Tara, Laine, Mares** and **Jennifer** and our Physical Therapy Assistants **Tabitha** and **Kelly**! You all do an amazing job with the individuals that you work with and I know they are lucky to have such caring people look out for their needs. Happy Physical Therapy Month to all of you! Keep being awesome!