



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 November 8th, 2021

COVID19 Testing

Week of 11.08.2021

Testing Change!

We will now be testing **1 day** for each round as noted below. All staff will test on the same day.

Round 1

Tuesday, November 9th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

Round 2

Friday, November 12th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

Please note the change from Thursday to Friday due to the Veterans Day Holiday

You must test **both** rounds each week

Hopefully, our numbers in Taylor County will continue to decrease!

Testing does not start till 0530 each day



Returning in 2021!

(as *THE* longest family favorite Christmas tradition)

New & returning displays + new additions to the route!

FREE to the Public!

(ALL donations received benefit the people who live at the AbSSLC!)

December 3rd – December 26th

12/3-12/19

Su-Th: 6pm-9pm – Fr & Sa: 6pm-10pm

12/20-12/26 - 6pm-10pm

Abilene State Supported Living Center

2501 Maple Street, Abilene, Texas 79602

DRIVE THRU ONLY!

YOU MUST REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES!

AbSSLC COVID19 Status

As of Friday, 11/05/21

Number of Individuals Positive	0
Number of Individuals currently in Isolation	0
Number of Staff Positive	2

Entry Gate Slips

One of the biggest complaints about the gate entry process is having to wait in line behind someone that doesn't have their slip filled out (name, department, etc.) ahead of time. Blank slips are readily available from your supervisor, the Switchboard and at the gate. Please have yours ready as you arrive!

HHS Employee Advisory Committee

The **Employee Advisory Committee** is comprised of HHS staff from across the State. This group works on numerous areas of interest to staff including Employee Engagement, Communications, Retention and Recognition. The SharePoint site

(<https://txhhs.sharepoint.com/sites/EAC?e=1%3Aa7124e08e8d547c59283f8f7e42421e3>)

is available to all staff and has a number of valuable resources to review and learn more.

Life Safety Code Tip of the Week

Remember that personal heaters are not allowed in any home/program area or areas (buildings) that are still designated as a home.

Shout Outs!

Thank you to all **DSP staff**, both on 6-2 and 2-10 shifts, who leave their busy home to come to Audiology with individuals needing hearing tests. They are very supportive and courteous, and I am sure their friendly, familiar faces and voices help each individual feel more comfortable in a not so familiar setting.

Shout out to **Celeste Grascchel** in Quality Assurance! She has done amazing in keeping the policy & procedure tracking on point. She keeps Kayla and myself informed of any changes and/or updates. She is very thorough in her job and keeps both of us up to speed on everything concerning the process. I truly enjoy working with her on this and she has made it so much more manageable for all involved.

Q&As

Question

I have read that the COVID-19 tests can cause cancer because the swabs are sterilized with ethylene oxide. Has this been looked into?

Answer

This has come up several times in the media and proven to be false. Ethylene oxide is a gas commonly used to sterilize medical equipment. It is also used in the sterilization of spices and cosmetics. While it is listed by federal agencies as a carcinogen with long-term exposure, experts say the gas is used only in small amounts to sterilize COVID testing kits and would not present cancer hazard.

Sources:

<https://apnews.com/article/fact-checking-afs:Content:10038432007>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/factcheck-coronavirus-swabs/fact-check-covid-19-nasal-swabs-sterilised-with-ethylene-oxide-are-safe-to-use-idUSL1N2P30YI>

Last week, we celebrated **Linda Odoms** on her 20th(ish) Birthday! She is beautiful from the inside out, loving, dependable, hardworking, strong, brave, and has THE sweetest heart! We are so thankful for her and her dedication to AbSSLC. Linda has served the ladies living at 6690 Circle Drive for **42 years** and counting.

We hope you
have best year
ever!



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!