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★ 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 6th, 2022

COVID19 Testing

Round 1 - Tuesday, June 7th

Round 2 - Thursday, June 9th

Armed Intruder/Active Shooter Concerns

As we have seen over the last week, an armed intruder/active shooter event can happen at any time, anywhere and often with devastating results. The information below gives a general overview of what you can do to help prevent this from happening and what to do if was to happen here.

See/Hear Something? Say Something:

We have published this many times before but it's critically important. If you **see something** or **overhear something** that is concerning (such as someone carrying a weapon or making threatening comments) you should **immediately report it** to the Switchboard. If it's something that is happening right then, you should also call **911**.

Active Shooter on Campus -

Every active shooter situation is different, and your approach will vary depending on the unique case and location. The options below can help you take appropriate actions to survive an attack. You may use one or two, or you may use all of them.

Run, avoid, escape:

- Have an escape route and plan; help others escape.
- Leave belongings behind.
- Escape regardless of whether others agree to follow.
- Keep hands empty and visible for law enforcement.

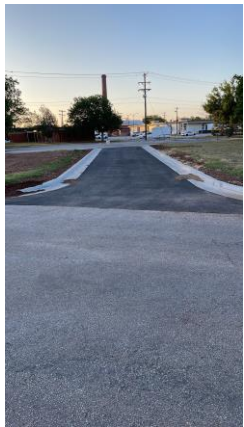
Hide, deny entry, lockdown:

- If you cannot escape, seek a secure area.
- Lock and barricade doors.
- Find alternative escape routes (windows, doors).
- Turn off lights, silence your cell phone, and remain quiet.

Fight, defend your life:

- Fight as a last resort and when your life is in imminent danger; do not seek out the shooter.
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter; grab their weapon.
- Be as physically aggressive as possible. Do not fight fair.
- Improvise weapons, commit to your actions, and use any and all means necessary.

The **iLearn class** [Employee Safety and Security Awareness](#) is an excellent resource and reminder for all of us. It can be taken at any time – you don't have to wait until it's showing to be due.



Infirmary Drive

Have you seen the latest street at AbSSLC? Thanks to the hard work of our Maintenance guys and a local paving company, Infirmary Drive is now a reality! This drive is designed for **transportation only** so they can take Individuals safely to/from the Infirmary and unload the van.

COVID19 Gate Entry Slip

27 months after we started the process of COVID19 screening at the gates, we will have staff that show up without their Gate Entry Slip ready – or even have one with them at all. This dramatically slows down the process for you ... and others to get through the gate.

Blank slips are readily available from your supervisor or from the Switchboard. You should have this completed **before** you arrive at the gate so you can hand it to the person working and have your temperature taken. This makes it a <30 second process instead of sitting there for a minute or more while you complete it.

You should also have your AbSSLC Badge ready to show **and** be properly wearing your mask.

After doing this basically forever, there is really no reason not to be ready!

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Shout Outs!

A big shout out to **Rachel Bogart, PDS @ Behavior Services** for going the extra mile with helping coordinate donations to the fire crews in and around Abilene. She has done things that most other people would not take on. She is a volunteer fire fighter at the Jim Ned VFD. She also balances her job very well with AbSSLC, she goes the extra mile in serving the residents of the SSLC. Behavior Services is lucky to have her.

Thank you to **Kenny** and the **guys @ Maintenance** for always being ready and willing to complete THE most random tasks when asked! 😊

ABILENE SSLC



Abilene recently honored facility award winners with a small ceremony.

Above: Tangalee Webb, left, won the DSP Leadership Award and Kimble Knight, right, earned honorable mention. They are pictured with former supervisor Kim Rankin.

Left: Chelsey Cunningham, center, won Nurse of the Year. She is pictured with Nurse Manager Margarita Mayes, left, and Director Linda Hinshaw.

We made the Friday Photos from State Office!

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!