



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 August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### COVID19 Testing

Week of 08.16.2021

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

#### Round 1

**Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

**Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**  
0700-1130 & 1300-1500

#### Round 2

**Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**  
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

**Friday, August 20<sup>th</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, 8/13/21

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

Number of Individuals Positive	0
Number of Individuals currently in Isolation	0
Number of Staff Positive	6



Remember to Social Distance whenever possible  
Everything helps!

### Gate Etiquette 101

After many months (many, many months) of having restricted entry & exit gates, it's surprising these reminders are still needed, but staff at the gates experience problems on a somewhat frequent basis.

Please take a minute to review the information below – a formal process is now in place for gate staff to report issues as they occur for later follow-up by your supervisor.

- Have your **medical/surgical mask** fully in place as you approach the gate and while checking in. Not pulled down below your nose or chin.
- Have your **AbSSLC picture ID** out and ready to show. This is required for entry to campus. Without it, you will be asked to leave or wait for your supervisor to come to the gate to identify you. *It is also required for weekly COVID19 testing.*
- Have the main information (Name, Department, etc.) on your screening form completed so you only have to add the date & answer the questions. **Your supervisor can print you a stack of slips so you have them readily available.**
- Remember that **sitting in line at the gate is not at work**. At work is at your Home/Department ready to go. And it's not the gate's fault if you are late – it's yours.
- **Be nice**. Staff at the gate are doing their assigned job and many times in really ugly weather. You acting hateful because you are having to follow the gate procedures (just like the other 1100+ staff & visitors) doesn't help the process and will lead to a discussion with your supervisor.

### Campus Wide Network & Phone Outage

Wednesday, 8/18  
@ Noon for 30  
minutes

This will affect all  
computers/kiosks  
and off-campus calls



**School starts this week**  
Be watching for school buses in  
town ... and on-campus!

# Shout Outs!

I would like to give a shout out to **Keith Lewis** that works in the Central Kitchen. We needed a certain formula for an individual. It was late and he was trying to leave but he took the time to find what we needed and deliver it to the home. What was amazing was his attitude. He was so kind! At the end of the day, so many people are cranky and just want to go home. That was not Keith. He made our evening so much better!

I would like to recognize **Cheryl Galvan** for the amazing job she is doing at the COVID-19 Clinic. I know this must be a very stressful and monumental task each week and she is handling it very efficiently and always greets everyone with a pleasant word and a smile.

Shout out to **Jeff Goza** for keeping all of us on track and providing friendly, and often times humorous reminders, on issues related to safety for our AbSSLC family. Jeff frequently reminds us of reoccurring concerns of driving slower, extreme weather warnings, maintaining tidy trash containers, updating training and importance of PPE and vaccines for protection. It's appreciated that he watches out for us and reminds us in a manner that we want to follow his advice. Thank you, Jeff!

I would like to give a shout out to all our **DSPs** working on the floor and **other departments stepping in when needed**. Our staff here is awesome! Always pulling together when it comes to the overall well-being of the individuals and each other. You are truly my Heroes!

I just wanted to give a quick shout out to **6330 3<sup>rd</sup> Street staff**. This last weekend, I was a 6-2 float nurse at that home and all of the staff (especially DSPs **Tyler** and **Alyssa**) were super kind and helpful which really made the assignment a piece of cake. Thank you for your hard work!

I would love to give a Huge Shout out to **Judy Heath!** Judy works at the activity center and she is great at her job! The individuals love her just as much as she loves them! She's always, and I mean always, going above and beyond to take care of the ladies and gentlemen that live out here! Just when you think Judy is heading home cause her shift is over. Think again she heading to a home to do POT! She never complains. She just keeps on going giving her all! Thank You so much Judy Heath!

While I do not think Department Heads get enough recognition for all the work they do to help keep this place running smoothly, there is one in particular that should be recognized. **Kathy Mayor!** As the Director of Behavioral Services, she keeps the department running smoothly and professionally. Some may view her as tough as nails, but she truly cares about the people we serve here and wants nothing but the best for each of them. There is much more to say about the person she is, but if you work with her, or have worked with her, you can see her passion and desire to make each person's life here the best it can be.

Shout Out to Supervisor **Angela Pullin @ 6750 Circle Drive!** She has gone above and beyond in helping her staff when they are short staffed. She comes in early and leaves late, helping with mealtime and showers. She makes sure to let 10-6 leave, so they won't have to holdover so long and are able to come back on their shift. So, with that being said Ms. Angela, you a Superstar in our eyes! Thank You!

A big shout out to the **VSC** and **Recreation** staff for manning the snow cone trolley last week! I know the staff appreciated the extra treat! Recreation Rocks! Always thankful our VSC loves the staff so much!!

**Arils** at 6360 1<sup>st</sup> is always helping at Recreation. Never complains and he is good at his job. 😊

I'd like to send a Shout Out to all the amazing **Behavior Service staff**. Thank you **Melissa Ramsey** for the one-on-one training for the new programs put in place at 6760. A BIG Thank You to **Amanda Garcia** for responding to our questions with quick and accurate responses. You guys are a great asset to our team and make us so much more confident when dealing with a crisis. Thank you! 🙏

## 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!