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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

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Week of October 18th, 2021

COVID19 Testing

Week of 10.18.2021

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

Round 1

Tuesday, October 19th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

Wednesday, October 20th
0700-1130 & 1300-1500

Round 2

Thursday, October 21st
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

Friday, October 22nd
0700-1130 & 1300-1500

You must test both rounds each week

AbSSLC COVID19 Status

As of Friday, 10/15/21

Number of Individuals Positive	0
Number of Individuals currently in Isolation	0
Number of Staff Positive	9

Friday is Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Day!

Be Wary! Germs Are Scary!

**Do your part to fight the germs during
Infection Prevention Week!**

Monday 10/18 - 10 Ways to Protect Yourself and Others

- Kick off – Hand sanitizer kits for staff
- PPE contest – (COVID testing center) 10AM and 3PM – prizes with grand prize for fastest overall.
- Random drawing for Nothing Bundt Cake Certificate (x2)

Tuesday 10/19 - Break the Chain of Infection

- IC Nurse visiting homes – Wheel of Germs
Random prizes for winners
- Random drawing for Nothing Bundt Cake Certificate (x2)

Wednesday 10/20 – Do's & Don'ts – Masks

- Randomized prize drawings
- Random drawing for Nothing Bundt Cake Certificate (x2)

Thursday - Do's & Don'ts – Gloves

- IC Nurse visiting homes – Wheel of Germs
Random prizes for winners
- Random drawing for Nothing Bundt Cake Certificate (x2)

Friday - Do's & Don'ts – Gowns

- Wear black to black out germs
- Poster winners announced– certificates
- PPE contest grand prize winner announced – bag candy

There will also be information on CME & CEU opportunities for Providers & Nurses sent out as well as Activity Pages for those living here!

The Leadership Development Committee is proud to announce the graduates of the Inaugural Tier II Leadership Course. Kevin Adams, Ashley Alonzo, Jordan Cosper, Lori Ellerd, Blake Harruff, Alfredo Mora, David Payne and Wyatt Rodgers were presented graduation certificates in a ceremony officiated by our Director, Linda Hinshaw at the Oakwood Trails Lodge on Oct 14th, 2021. The graduates successfully completed a 40- hour in-person class in addition to homework assignments, time with assigned Mentors and research for presentations all while completing their typical job duties. Truly an impressive and inspiring group and we look forward to their future contributions. We're excited for the next Tier II in early Spring 2022. Watch for announcements here in the AbSSLC newsletter.



Shout Outs!

Shout out to **Andrea** and **Blake** for the kindness that they show the individuals. They take pride in their work and often have to work in unusual circumstances with x-rays. They also do EKG's and other tasks as needed. Great job!

Shout out to **Becky Melton**! She has had to work very hard to keep supplies up during the pandemic. There have been extreme shortages and she has had to look at other options/products for ordering. She has a lot of responsibility in that she has to determine the sizes, brands, etc. that will go with existing products. She is very concerned with having the proper products needed for each individual.

Shout out to the amazing men at the **Carpentry Shop**. Anytime that I have put in a work order they have always gotten to it as quick as they can and if they can't they have always let me know. No matter the job they always wear a smile and always try to get it to my satisfaction or to perfection. Even when it may not have been what I may have wanted, they never got mad nor sighed. When I had an idea and they didn't think it would work they would help me to understand what may work better or find a way to make it the way I like. Anywhere I see these men, they always have a smile and take a few seconds just to speak. I truly love these guys because they are always busy making, fixing, or repairing the things all over campus to help us beautify and/or keeping the guys safe. You guys are truly appreciated.

Shout Out to the **Maintenance guy** who came to 5971 Service Ave a few weeks ago to fix a hole under the nurses sink. He was so kind and helpful. Got the job done with a smile. So refreshing!

Shout out to the ALL the **RNs** who are picking up extra shifts on top of their normal routines in order to cover shifts. I know our RNs work so hard M-F anyways and then they step up to help when needed. We truly have a great team on 5971 🙌 It takes a village to keep things running and I'm thankful for ours! Also, a shout out to our Nurse Practitioner.

I want to take the time to do a shout out for **Billy Hale**. He is a very hard-working man. I only got to work with him a short time. But the few weeks I did he was always busy working his tail end off. Before I worked on 5971 Service Ave with him, I'd never worked with him before. He would come over to seniors and even there he was always trying to help. He is a dang good worker.

Big thankful Shout Out to the **Nurses at 5971 and 5972 Services Avenue** for superb documentation concerning all medical issues.

Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others!
Text 325.370.4525

RN & LVN of the Month – September 2021



Brandon Jones, RN



Rebecca Payne, LVN

The nurses nominated by the Nursing Administration Department for Nurse of the Month for September included:

Brandon Jones, RN
Kyung Cha, RN
Mary Gonzalez, RN
John Burgess, RN
Darrell Roberts, RN
Rejhana Elezi, RN

Rebecca Payne, LVN
Toni Stokes, LVN
Juanita Calvillo, LVN
Emily Stanaland, LVN
Olivier Munyanziza, LVN
Amanda Garcia, LVN

All of these names were put in a hat and the two winning names were drawn. We want to congratulate our winners and all that were nominated. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. We appreciate everything you do!

I want to give a BIG shout out to **Kathy Brannon**. She helped conduct interviews, for the Maintenance department. She was very professional, courteous to everyone, and very helpful throughout the process. She is a wealth of knowledge, both institutional and of general life knowledge. I get the feeling that Kathy enjoys investing in PEOPLE, both the residents at this facility and the facilities' staff. I will definitely seek Kathy out for advice, and I hope she is willing to be my mentor as well?

Q&As

Q. I heard we were moving to a new process for COVID19 testing. Why and what does the change mean for me?

A. We are – likely this week. The tests we get are supplied by the Texas Department of Emergency Management - this is our 3rd change since we first started. This is likely related to availability of the tests and the overall cost. Your process will not change – you still swab your nose the same way. The way the test itself is actually done changes quite a bit as you will see.

Q. How much longer will we have to do the gate check-in process?

A. This is strictly a decision made by CMS (Federal level) and HHS (State Level). We are required to follow the Federal rules on this. Sadly, our crystal ball is somewhat fuzzy on timing for this but *best guess* is it will continue for the next few months.