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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 January 3rd, 2022

COVID19 Testing

Week of 01.03.2022

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

Round 1

Tuesday, January 4th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

Round 2

Thursday, January 6th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

You must test both rounds each week

2022 ... A New Beginning

- If your year doesn't start off as you had planned, remember it isn't your only opportunity for a new beginning. Every day, every hour, every minute, every second, brings you a brand-new moment for you to breathe and start again.
- You control your future. Read it again: **You control your future.**
- Goal setting is very personal and it's always important to explore what's best for you.
- Don't try and attempt to solve your entire life in one instance; life unfolds only in moments, so it's much better to just focus your energy on one moment at a time.
- You can achieve far more in a year than you can in a month. And further still, you can achieve far more in two years than you can in just one.
- Always **be kind** to yourself. Always **be kind** to others.

AbSSLC COVID19 Status

As of Friday, 12/31/2021

Number of Individuals Positive	0
Number of Individuals currently in Isolation	0
Number of Staff Positive	32

The number of staff positive jumped from 13 to 32 in one week!

Amazon Smile

This is a great week to setup your Amazon account to specify your favorite group (the **Abilene Volunteer Services Council**) – every time you buy from Amazon the VSC receives a donation at no cost to you. You shop, those who live & work at AbSSLC benefit! Simply go to smile.amazon.com and select the VSC and make the VSC your selected Charity.

AbSSLC.org – AbileneVSC.org

Life Safety Code Tip of the Week

Interior doors with an automatic closer cannot be blocked open – the only approved mechanism for keeping these doors open is a “hold open” device connected to the buildings fire alarm system. You cannot use any type of door stop, brick or box of paper to block open a door!

Wear the Mask – It makes a difference for everyone!

DO WEAR YOUR MASK



DO NOT



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Reminders:

- Dim your lights as you approach the gate. It really helps those checking you in
- Always have your badge ready to show
- Always have your entry slip completed with basic info

Shout Outs!

Big thank you and shout out to **Will McFarland**, QIDP for homes 6710 Circle Dr. and 6750 Circle Dr. for help with Widget magic. His step by step printed information is invaluable and much appreciated. He helped the lost be found.

Shout out and thanks to **Olga** from 5971 Service who was a great help with a Spanish speaking individual at Audiology. She helped talk him into proceeding with the assessments and stayed with him in the Sound Room to be his interpreter and familiar staff. She spoke Spanish and was a calming influence. Her interactions with the individual were superb!!

I'd like to give a shout out to **Julie Gould** from Behavioral Services. Julie has taken on the additional task of being one of two SME's for new admissions, she also is currently covering home 6730 in addition to her other home 6400. Julie is always willing to go above and beyond when it comes to our residents making sure they are well taken care of as well as mentoring new staff in the behavioral health department. Way to go Julie! 🌟

Shout out to **Melanie Choate (Nursing)**! She came out on Christmas Eve to help do med pass at one of the really busy 24-hour homes. This wasn't something she was scheduled to do, she just did it to help. This was very much appreciated!

I want to contact you to give praise to one of your workers. I worked today as a Lego DSP at 6350 and had never been on the home prior to today. I understand some of the guys on the home can be challenging and was unsure of who each person was. I happened to see a gentleman by the name of **Quintan McCarty** and asked him a few questions not realizing he was a Custodian until later. Mr. McCarty knew every individual by name on the home and was familiar with each of their behaviors and was a wealth of knowledge. I was so impressed by him and his work ethic and interaction with the guys on the home. I felt like I should reach out and let you know what a good employee you have in your department.

Shout out to **Bobby Early** and **Kayce Buck** for always being willing to pull extra shifts or work on other homes to help with coverage when asked. Thank you, you are appreciated.

Shout out to **Marnie Shaw U1 URC** for always coming in at 6 on her work-days to fill the void 2 6521 Peach until Recreation staff gets here for their shift at 7. Thank you, you are appreciated.

Q&A

Q. What is the difference between standard PPE and full PPE?

A. Standard PPE is a surgical mask and face shield or goggles. Full PPE is an N95 mask, gown, gloves, and face shield/goggles (shoe covers optional).

Q. Do gloves need to be worn during mealtime when full PPE is required?

A. Yes. We know this is different than the usual instructions in the dining room, but it is a COVID requirement.

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!