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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

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Week of March 7th, 2022

COVID19 Testing

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

Round 1

Tuesday, March 8th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

Round 2

Thursday, March 10th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

You must test both rounds each week

AbSSLC COVID19 Status

As of Friday, 03.04.2022

Number of Individuals Positive	1
Number of Individuals currently in Isolation	1
Number of Staff Positive	5

Vending Price Increases

Our vending machine vendor (drinks & snacks) has notified us that prices will increase on **March 26th**. They have worked with us to keep prices as low as possible, but it's reached a point where they must raise them in order to not lose money. **It's very important that any monies requested are adjusted for the new prices and that we work with those we serve for them to understand that prices have increased.**

Bottle Drinks	\$1.35 to \$1.75
Canned Drinks	\$0.75 to \$0.90
Pastries	\$1.00 to \$1.25
Chips	\$1.00 to \$1.10
Candy	\$1.00 to \$1.25

Say Cheese!



Beginning with Refresher classes this month, FCT/D will be taking new pictures of staff as they come through for class. This will ensure we have an updated picture when new badges are requested.

Many of our pictures of incumbent staff are amazingly old and their original picture and how they look now don't exactly match as shown in the example below:



Old - 1990



New - 2022

Texas State Employee Union (TSEU)

The TSEU will have a representative at the **(World Famous) 5th Street Diner** this week

March 10th & 11th
9:00am-2:30pm

A New Road ...

Infirmity Drive is a step closer to completion with the installation of the curbs over the past few days.



This new drive will make it easier (and much safer) for transportation to pull into the Northeast lot to load & unload Individuals going for medical or dental procedures.

Badge - Form - Mask

Shout Outs!

Shout Out to 6690 Circle Drive 2/10 staff **Mianah Johnson** and **Margaret Martinez, LVN**. They remained calm during a crisis and are both a blessing. Thank you for working here and doing everything you do. Everyone who works at this home are very hard working and are a blessing to work with, but there was a certain day I am glad they were here with their highly trained skills and their calm, cool demeanor.

I want to give a Shout Out to **Layne Gibson** at the 6390 Plum Activity Center. He is an amazing person with a big heart. He always looking out for the individuals and his staff. Layne will put a smile on anyone's face even if he is having a bad day. He has been working at the State School for years and is now retiring. All of us are sad to see him leave he has made an impact for the people we serve and they will always remember him. Thank you, Layne for the hard work and the smiles you brought while working here at the State. We all appreciate you and we all will miss you very much.

I want to give a big shout out to **Karen Herald** from the Activity Centers. She and I worked together at 6380 7th Street last week. Not only is she awesome with active treatment, I watched her stop what could have been several explosive behaviors with her verbal skills. She is truly an asset to this campus!

I really want to do an appreciation post for 6480 Mimosa and for my **phenomenal supervisor Kimble Knight!** This week she came in at 6am to take out holdovers and work the floor with her team! I have worked with her sister for years and U know how the determination runs in their family ... This lady is incredible and dedicated and loves our residents to an extreme! I love working in her presence because she is funny and loving and hardworking! Kimble has never said no to any of us when we needed her and honestly we have never had to ask. She is the epitome of selflessness! I have grown to love this lady in the last 11 months and I am forever eager to work with her every single day? Thank you all who have worked our home and loved our residents and a huge thank you to our home supervisor who has made coming to work a pleasure and not a dread! I love you sister!

Shout out! To all the **staff that show up for work everyday** and to **everyone that holds over**. We may not be able to do it all but we do what we can

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!