

PROJECT FIRSTLINE

What is Project Firstline?

Project Firstline is a Center of Disease and Control (CDC) funded initiative to provide infection prevention and control (IPC) education resources to frontline health care workers in a variety of settings.

Why was Project Firstline created?

The project was created to reduce the gaps in infection prevention and control (IPC) that were brought to light with the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Closing the gaps in IPC knowledge and adherence among healthcare workers requires additional training and resources to keep patients, healthcare workers, and the public safe.

Who should be included?

Project Firstline is a collaborative effort with healthcare facilities, academia, and the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) to reduce the gaps in IPC. All health care workers, regardless of their role can help reduce the gaps in IPC. According to a needs assessment that was completed in 2020 in Delaware, the IPC gaps and need for further assistance was highly present in long term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and post-acute care facilities.

What are some current activities to help close the gaps of IPC in long term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and post-acute care facilities?

Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

Conducting Point Prevalence Surveys

Conducting Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICARs), providing feedback and guidance.

Division of Public Health Office of Infectious Disease Project Firstline Infection Prevention and Control Trainings. Find more information [here](#).

DE TRAIN is a CDC TRAIN affiliated site and is a national learning network that provides quality training opportunities including IPC and earn continue education (CME, CNE, or CEUs). This is a free service. [Home - TRAIN Delaware - an affiliate of the TRAIN Learning Network powered by the Public Health Foundation](#)

(WB4448) Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course (Web-based)

Link: [Infection Prevention Training | LTCF | CDC](#);

<https://www.cdc.gov/longtermcare/training.html>

Follow link on right side of page to start the course: [Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course](#)

CME/CNE: 19.75 and IACET CEU's: 2 after course completion (ALL 23 modules, evaluation, and exam)

Where can CDC Project Firstline educational material be found?

CDC Project Firstline Education Material can be found at: [Access Educational Materials from Project Firstline | Infection Control | CDC](#)

Resources:

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [About Project Firstline | Infection Control | CDC](#). Retrieved from: <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/about.html>

Delaware Health and Social Services: Emergency Medical services and Preparedness DE TRAIN. <https://www.train.org/detrain/welcome>

Delaware Division of Public Health Project Firstline: [Project Firstline - Delaware Health and Social Services - State of Delaware](#)

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [Lead a Project Firstline Infection Control Training | CDC](#); <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/resources/facilitator-toolkit.html>

The Joint Commission. [Infection Prevention and Control | The Joint Commission](#). <https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/patient-safety-topics/infection-prevention-and-control/>

World Health Organization. [Infection prevention and control GLOBAL \(who.int\)](#). https://www.who.int/health-topics/infection-prevention-and-control#tab=tab_1