

PA Project Firstline Resource Overview

PA Project Firstline Team

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What Is PA Project Firstline?

- Innovative project designed to promote foundational knowledge on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) for all types of frontline healthcare workers
- Developed in partnership with the CDC
- Will build Pennsylvania's healthcare workforce expertise in IPC
- Keep the healthcare community safe from infectious disease threats

Who Is PA Project Firstline For?

PA Project Firstline will reach healthcare workers in all healthcare settings including:

- Nursing Homes
- Personal Care Homes
- Hospitals
- Outpatient Clinics
- Dialysis Centers

Healthcare worker types include:

Physicians, RNs, LPNs, CNAs, EVS, Social Services, Activities, Dietary, etc.

Infection Control

Works!

The right practices can stop pathogens from spreading in healthcare facilities.

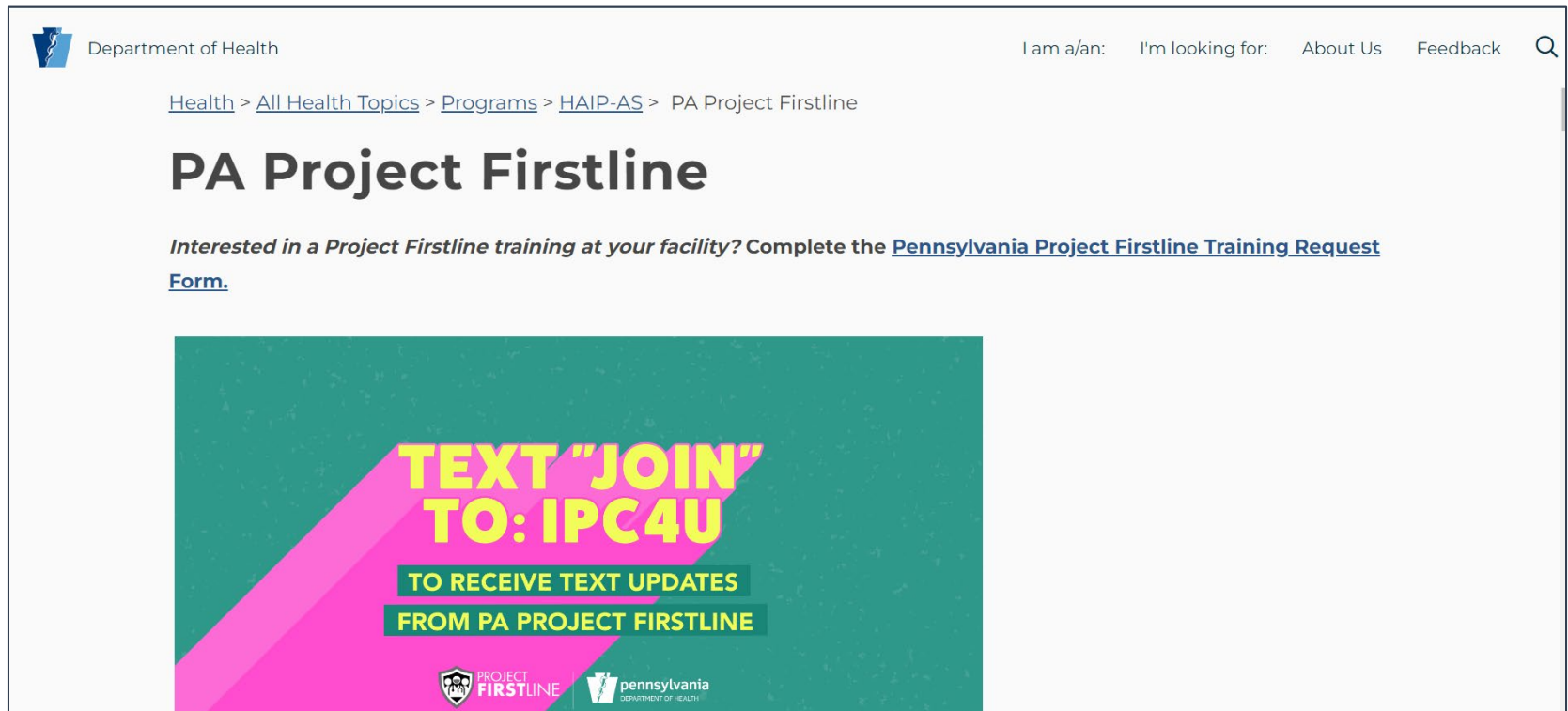
Is a Team Effort!

Infection control is most effective when all team members use it consistently.

Matters!

Infection control is a critical part of safe healthcare delivery in all healthcare settings.

PA Project Firstline Website



The screenshot shows the PA Project Firstline website page. At the top left is the Department of Health logo and name. On the top right are navigation links: "I am a/an:", "I'm looking for:", "About Us", "Feedback", and a search icon. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: "Health > All Health Topics > Programs > HAIP-AS > PA Project Firstline". The main heading is "PA Project Firstline". Below the heading is a call to action: "Interested in a Project Firstline training at your facility? Complete the [Pennsylvania Project Firstline Training Request Form](#)." Below this is a large green and pink graphic with the text: "TEXT 'JOIN' TO: IPC4U TO RECEIVE TEXT UPDATES FROM PA PROJECT FIRSTLINE". At the bottom of the graphic are the Project Firstline and Pennsylvania Department of Health logos.

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HAIP-AS/Pages/PA-Project-Firstline.aspx>

PA Project Firstline – Text Messaging Program

Tue, May 4, 12:00 PM

PA Project Firstline Celebrates World Hand Hygiene Day on May 5th: Seconds save lives – clean your hands! 🧼👐 or 🧴👐

Thu, May 6, 12:00 PM

PA Project Firstline: Do We Really Have to Talk About Hand Hygiene? Again? Yes! Dr. Abby educates us: <https://bit.ly/39WlhWm>

Fri, Jun 18, 12:00 PM

PA Project Firstline: Mutations? Variations? Find out how those new COVID-19 strains affect infection control: <https://bit.ly/3s5sg5c>

Tue, Jun 22, 12:00 PM

PA Project Firstline: Viruses constantly change. Today there are five SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOCs) in the US and PA, but that may change tomorrow! 🧫



Thu, Jun 24, 12:00 PM

PA Project Firstline: Stopping germs at the source is the key to preventing infections! Let Dr. Abby explain source control: <https://bit.ly/3s3sqdE>

Tuesday 12:05 PM

PA Project Firstline: It goes both ways: PPE protects the person wearing it; source control protects those around us. 🤧

PA Project Firstline Content



Department of Health

I am a/an: I'm looking for: About Us Feedback

PA Project Firstline Materials

Newsletters

[Winter 2022 Edition PA PFL Newsletter](#)

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[Summer 2022 Edition PA PFL Newsletter](#)

[Spring 2022 Edition PA PFL Newsletter](#)

PA Project Firstline Materials

Posters

[Print \(11"x17"\)](#)

[Print \(8.5"x11"\)](#)

[Web](#)

CDC Project Firstline Materials

[Infection Control and COVID-19](#)

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- Contact Us

Frontline Healthcare Worker Survey



PA Project Firstline (PFL) is distributing an online survey to frontline healthcare workers. The survey will assess healthcare worker literacy in infection prevention and control and identify training gaps. The PA Project Firstline team will develop training to address the identified gaps. To help inform PFL what your learning needs are, please scan the QR code above with your phone or click this link to complete the survey.

Respiratory Viruses: Alike but Different



It's winter, and along with all the other joys of the season come respiratory viruses. In a post-COVID-19 world, it can be easy to assume that any respiratory virus is COVID-19, but the reality is that many respiratory viruses can be in circulation at the same time. COVID-19 is caused by infection with a coronavirus first identified in 2019. Flu is caused by infection with a flu virus. A cold can be caused by several different viruses including rhinoviruses, parainfluenza, and seasonal coronaviruses. Seasonal coronaviruses should not be confused with SARS-COV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

Because flu and the common cold have similar symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In general, flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms are typically more intense and begin more abruptly. Colds are usually milder than flu. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose than people who have flu. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia,



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- Need Continuing Education Credits?

Request a Training

Project Firstline is working hard to bring our trainings to you! To request a virtual or in-person training for your facility, we have a web form you can fill out to let us know what types of training and topics you are interested in. Check out our new training request form [here](#).

Interactive PPE Scenario

If you liked the pathogen match-up tool and appreciate innovative training methods, click through this interactive PPE scenario from Project Firstline, too! You will find an interactive scenario to see how a nurse in the hospital uses Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – check it out [here!](#)

Need Continuing Education Credits?

Check out videos with CDC's Dr. Abby Carlson to learn the basic ideas behind infection control, how they work to prevent COVID-19, and how using infection control actions while

Pathogen Match-up: Under the Microscope Learning Tool



Are you looking for a fun way to learn some basics about common pathogens found in health care? The American Hospital Association (AHA), in collaboration with the Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE), two Project Firstline partners, have created a great new tool that may be of interest to you.

The pathogen match-up learning tool is a learning game that includes a pathogen reference and flash cards to help frontline staff learn some basics about SARS-CoV-2, *Clostridioides difficile* (*C. diff*), and methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), just to name a few.

If you are interested in checking out the pathogen match-up game, you can find it [here](#).

Recognize Infection Risks in Health Care

Risk is a part of our daily life. We all handle risks every day with relative ease – approaching a flashing yellow light at an intersection slowly, handling a hot pan carefully, looking both ways before crossing the street on our evening walk through the neighborhood. We have all been trained from a very young age to recognize and mitigate these risks.

Recognizing risks for germs to spread in healthcare can be more difficult to bring to the front of your mind because we can't see germs in the same way that we can see a speeding car coming towards us in the street. However, there is a higher chance for germs to spread in healthcare settings than other community settings. Additionally, healthcare workers

Posters

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN AT BREAK TIME.

PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING!

LEARN MORE ABOUT COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS: HEALTH.PA.GOV

CAN YOU SPOT WHO HAS COVID-19?

ME NEITHER.
WEAR A MASK & PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING!

LEARN MORE ABOUT COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS: HEALTH.PA.GOV

COULDN'T WASH HANDS, NOW EXTINCT.

WASH YOUR HANDS!

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WEAR YOUR MASK CORRECTLY!

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INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL RESOURCES

TEXT "JOIN" TO: IPC4U

TO RECEIVE TEXT UPDATES FROM PA PROJECT FIRSTLINE

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bit.ly/ProjectFirstlinePA

VACCINES PROTECT US AND THOSE AROUND US.

Get your COVID-19 vaccine to make caring look like this again.

Text JOIN to IPC4U for more infection control information.

bit.ly/HAIP-AS


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Continuing Education

Project Firstline Inside Infection Control Series

Check out these videos with CDC's Dr. Abby Carlson to learn the basic ideas behind infection control, how they work to prevent COVID-19, and how using infection control actions while you're at work can protect you, your patients, your coworkers and your community.



[Earn a certificate of completion](#)  for watching *Inside Infection Control* episodes on CDC TRAIN. Launch the video from TRAIN to receive your certificate.

Earn continuing education through Training and Continuing Education Online (TCEO).

- [Group One – Introduction to Infection Control and Virus Basics](#)
- [Group Two – Injection Safety](#)
- [Group Three – PPE Basics](#)
- [Group Four – Respirator Basics](#)
- [Group Five – Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Basics](#)
- [Group Six – Ventilation, Source Control, and Hand Hygiene](#)
- [Group Seven – How COVID-19 Spreads](#)

▶ Direct Link to Request Training

- PA Project Firstline provides in-person or virtual training for healthcare facilities and all types of frontline healthcare workers.
- Complete the web form to let us know what types of training and topics you are interested in for your staff.

Interested in a Project Firstline training at your facility? Complete the [Pennsylvania Project Firstline Training Request Form](#).

PA Project Firstline – Request Form

Pennsylvania Project Firstline (PA PFL) Training Request Form

Please complete all the fields below to indicate the type of training that your facility is seeking from PA PFL.

Name *

Professional Role *

Email *

Phone Number (xxx-xxx-xxxx) *

Name of PA Healthcare Facility Where You Work *

Type of PA Healthcare Facility *

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Topics You Require Training For (Check All that Apply)

- COVID-19
- Environmental Cleaning
- Hand Hygiene
- Injection safety (e.g. injection practices for single versus multidose vials, needle disposal, and syringe disposal)
- IPC Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Source control (e.g. mask wearing, respiratory etiquette, and distancing)
- Sterilization and disinfection of equipment
- Transmission-based precautions (e.g. contact, droplet, and airborne)
- Triage and screening

Other

Preferred Training Mode *

Preferred Training Length *

Any Other Comments/Questions?

Project Firstline Webpage

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[Español \(Spanish\)](#) | [Print](#)



Featured Resources

[Infographic on Infection Control for Viral Respiratory Infections](#)

[PDF - 2 Pages]

[Partner Spotlight: AMA's Respiratory Virus Season Infection Control Town Hall](#)

[New Spanish Resources](#)

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/index.html>

Project Firstline Webpage



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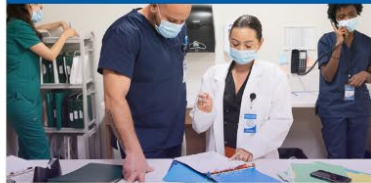
Infection Control



Learn the “how” and the “why” behind infection control in healthcare settings

[Learn](#)

Educational Materials



Access educational materials and training resources in a variety of formats

[Access](#)

COVID-19 Information



Learn about specific infection control measures to protect against COVID-19

[Learn](#)

Partnerships



Explore our list of program partners and see what they've been working on

[Explore](#)

▶ About Project Firstline

CDC's National Training Collaborative for Healthcare Infection Control

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- [Project Firstline Accomplishments](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [3 Ways to Take Action with Project Firstline](#)

Learn About Infection Control in Health Care

Learn to recognize infection risks – and take action to protect your patients and yourself, no matter the situation.

Recognize Infection Risks in Health Care



Learn to recognize the potential for germs to spread and cause infection in health care so you can prevent it from happening.

Learn Where Germs Live in Health Care



Learn where germs live in health care and the pathways for them to spread and make people sick.

Access Educational Materials

GERMS LIVE IN "THE GUT."

WHERE IS THE RISK?

HOW GERMS SPREAD FROM

COMMON GERMS FOUND IN THE GUT
Bacterium
Virus
Protozoa
Parasite
Fungus
Chlamydia
Diphtheria



Find materials and resources to help you lead a training or learn more about recognizing infection risks and stopping the spread of germs in health care.

Access Infection Control Educational Materials



Videos and Social
Media Graphics



Interactive
Resources

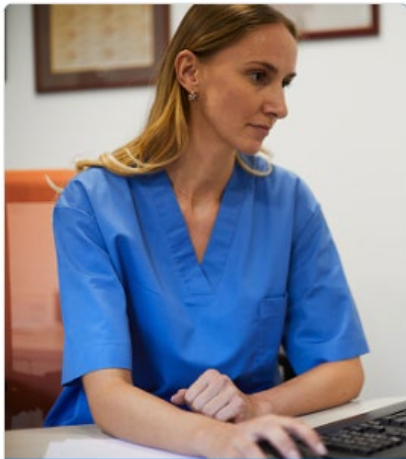


Print Materials
and Job Aids



Training Toolkits

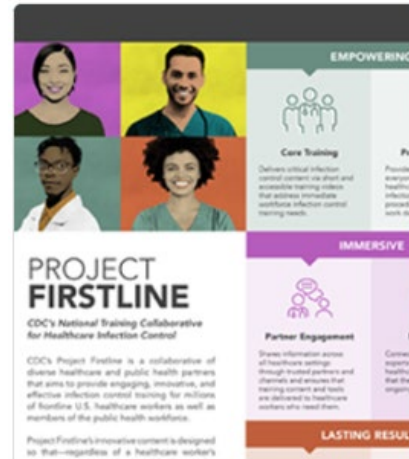
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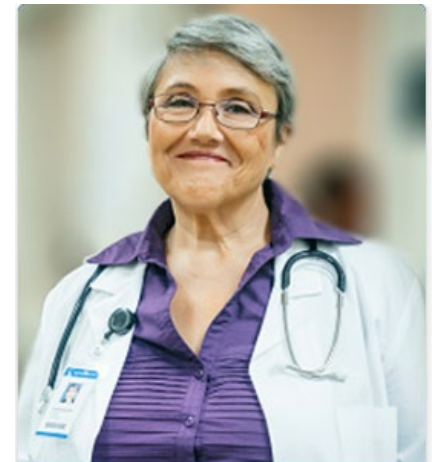
Watch Project
Firstline Videos



Lead an
Infection
Control
Training



Access
Multimedia
Resources



Recursos en
español

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/resources.html>

Project Firstline Webpage



Promotional Materials

Help spread the word about Project Firstline with social media graphics, videos, and print materials



Recursos en español

Infórmese sobre el control de infecciones en la atención médica



Continuing Education

Earn continuing education credits with Project Firstline infection control trainings

Stay Connected with Project Firstline



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Additional Infection Control Information and Resources

- [CDC Infection Control website](#)
- [CDC's Core Infection Prevention and Control Practices for Safe Healthcare Delivery in All Settings](#)
- [CDC Infection Control Guidelines Library](#)

Get Email Updates

Sign up for our newsletter to receive Project Firstline updates from CDC.

[What's this?](#)

Submit

Project Firstline Promotional Resources

- Videos
- Social Media Graphics
- Print Materials
- Project Firstline Promotional Events

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/about/promotional.html>

Spanish Language Materials

Identifique los riesgos de infecciones en la atención médica

Acceda a los materiales educativos sobre el control de infecciones

Control de infecciones y COVID-19

Questions?

Visit the PA Project Firstline Page for more resources:

- <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HAIP-AS/Pages/PA-Project-Firstline.aspx>

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