The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted gaps in infection control knowledge and practice in healthcare settings nationwide. Launched in FY2020, CDC’s Project Firstline is a collaborative of diverse healthcare, public health and academic partners committed to providing infection control training designed especially for healthcare workers.

Healthcare workers need and deserve clear and trustworthy information not only on CDC’s infection control recommendations, but also on the rationale and science behind them.

Project Firstline delivers comprehensive, transparent, and responsive training and education to the millions of frontline healthcare workers in the United States.

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The need for infection control training, education and innovation is ongoing.

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### Core Training
Delivers critical infection control information to address immediate training needs via products, methods, and platforms the healthcare workforce uses and prefers.

### Practical Tools
Provides tools to help everyone working in a healthcare facility implement infection control protocols and procedures throughout their work day.

### Partner Engagement
Leverages trusted partners and channels across healthcare settings to ensure training content and tools meet the needs of and are delivered to the healthcare workers who need them.

### Mentorship
Connects infection control experts with their local healthcare community so that they may become an ongoing resource.

### Public Health Capacity
Provides tools and resources to the public health workforce to foster stronger relationships between the public health and the healthcare community to support more effective training on infection control.

### Science to Practice
Cutting-edge research to inform infection control recommendations and practices, and development of more effective and evidence-based platforms and approaches to infection control training and education that meet the needs of diverse learners across the healthcare community.
THE POWER TO STOP INFECTIONS.
TOGETHER.

Our nation’s healthcare workers deserve infection control training and education that is designed just for them. CDC is teaming with a coalition of academic and public health and healthcare partners and 64 state, local, and territorial health departments through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity cooperative agreement to develop interactive and empowering infection control training that will improve our nation’s health. CDC is proud to collaborate with the following partners as part of Project Firstline:

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Health Care Association
- American Medical Association
- American Nurses Association
- Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum
- Emory University
- Health Research & Educational Trust
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement
- Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab
- National Association of County and City Health Officials
- National Council of Urban Indian Health
- National Hispanic Medical Association
- National Indian Health Board
- National Network of Public Health Institutes
- New York City Health + Hospitals: Bellevue Hospital Center
- RTI International
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- University of Washington

ELC-Supported State, Local and Territorial Health Departments include:

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Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
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