



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Dear Colleagues,

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of basic infection prevention and control practices at all levels of healthcare. Because of the ongoing risks from COVID-19, as well as other infections, the Maryland Department of Health is partnering with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide training opportunities for healthcare personnel from all disciplines and healthcare settings as an essential part of reducing the transmission of a range of infections, including COVID-19.

Every frontline healthcare worker deserves to understand infection control principles and protocols and feel they can confidently apply them to protect themselves, their facility, their family, and their community. This new infection control training collaborative, Project Firstline, is designed to help every frontline healthcare worker gain that knowledge and confidence. [Project Firstline's](#) CDC-developed training and engagement opportunities include short, accessible training videos, virtual interactive events, and telementoring to ensure every worker in every healthcare setting is empowered with the science and reasoning behind essential infection control practices.

These training modules are available for free and several modules offer CMEs and CEs. In order to best serve the needs of the Maryland healthcare community, we are also asking for participation in a [Learning Needs Assessment](#). The target audience includes staff members at all levels from physicians, nurses, and assistants to environmental services team members. Responses, which will remain confidential, will help us further direct learning resources to those who can help stop the spread of infectious diseases.

For more information and to access training modules, please visit the Project Firstline webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/index.html>. Thank you for your attention to this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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