



Hello, Regional and Local Health Partners,

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is collaborating with The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to promote infection control training in various healthcare settings in the State of Texas. Due to the high rate of infections and increased need for infection prevention, the CDC is currently offering free online training to frontline workers. [Click Here](#) for more information on Project Firstline training. The program goal is for 5,000 healthcare workers to complete the CDC Firstline Training by May 2022.

DSHS recommends that at Least **ONE staff member** per local and regional health department in Texas complete the CDC Firstline training modules. The local/regional public health personnel who completes the IPC training will be recognized as the local/regional contact to help with information/training dissemination to healthcare facilities.

As an added incentive, healthcare facilities and public health jurisdictions with the most healthcare worker participation (based on training completion rates) will be invited to send an individual to one of four free DSHS sponsored Infection Prevention training. Two Introduction to Infection Prevention courses (geared toward new Infection Preventionist or Public Health Professionals without Infection Prevention experience) accommodating up to 50 participants per course, and two CIC Preparatory courses with CIC exam scholarship (geared toward experienced Infection Preventionist or Public Health Professionals with Infection Prevention experience) accommodating up to 25 participants per course will be offered to those individuals from healthcare facilities and public health jurisdictions with the highest participation rates. The first set of courses is anticipated to be held in the Summer of 2021 and the second set of courses will be held in the Spring of 2022

*Please disseminate the information below to your local hospitals, outpatient clinics, dialysis centers, and nursing homes within your jurisdiction. Also, please have the attached template completed after completion of CDC Firstline training modules training.

Upon completing the CDC Project Firstline training, please submit the names, job title, and participants' email with proof of completion to MDROTexas@dshs.texas.gov

CDC's National Training Collaborative for Healthcare Infection Prevention & Control

CDC's Project Firstline is a collaborative of diverse healthcare and public health partners that have come together to make that happen. Together with DSHS, CDC collaborative will provide millions of frontline healthcare workers and public health workforce members the infection control training they need to protect the nation from infectious disease threats.

Project Firstline training is:

- Accessible- No matter your previous training or educational background, you will be able to access and understand each video.
- Concise- To fit around your busy schedule. Each video only lasts approximately 10 minutes.
- Interactive- To keep participants engaged, each video is interactive and has built-in knowledge checks.

Project Firstline's first training, *COVID-19 and Infection Control: The Basics*, was released in mid-November 2020.

Key Features

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

- hospitals,
- outpatient clinics,
- dialysis centers, and
- nursing homes etc.;

Core Training: Defined to address immediate workforce infection control training needs, delivered via short and accessible training videos.

Practical Tools: Supports everyone who works in a healthcare facility to implement infection control protocols and procedures throughout their workday.

Partner Engagement: Shares information across all healthcare settings through trusted partners and channels, ensuring that training content and tools are delivered to healthcare workers who need them.

Mentorship: Connects infection control experts with their local healthcare community so that they may become ongoing resources and SMEs.

Public Health Technical Capacity Building: Leverages the public health workforce to facilitate knowledge and tool sharing between public health departments and their local clinics and communities.

Innovation: Deepens knowledge to better inform infection control recommendations and develop innovative platforms and contents to provide infection control training to a diverse range of adult learners.

Infection Control

Infection Control works: The right practices can stop pathogens from spreading in healthcare facilities.

Infection Control as a Team Effort: Infection control is most effective when all team members use it consistently.

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

Click the link to access CDC Firstline

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