

The Maryland Department of Health has partnered 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 and materials that can be reviewed as self-guided courses or in a group setting with either a virtual or in-person facilitator. Facilitator tool kits for **Group One: Inside Infection Control** are provided to support your facilitators, or you may request a free facilitator to lead this training. Facilitator tool kits for other topics will be available in October 2021.

These free training modules are designed to ensure every worker in every healthcare setting—including environmental services—is empowered with the science and reasoning behind essential infection control practices. Continuing education credits are available for healthcare professionals seeking CME, CNE or CPE credits and Certificates of Completion are provided for every module.

To access the training modules, visit <https://Project-Firstline-MDH.nextthought.io> via link or use the QR code. To request a facilitator for a virtual or in-person group training session, please contact Lynne Layug at [llayug@hqi.solutions](mailto:llayug@hqi.solutions) or 804-287-0288. Thank you for your attention to this important initiative.

