

Introducing Project Firstline: An Infection Prevention Training Program Committed to Preparing Frontline Healthcare Providers

Project Firstline
Healthcare-Associated Infections Program
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- CDC's National Training Collaborative for Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control
- Committed to preparing frontline healthcare workers to protect themselves, their patients, and their communities from infectious disease threats through education and training in infection prevention



Project Firstline in California

- Aims to reduce healthcare-associated infections (HAI) in SNF
- Build a universal understanding of the rationale for infection prevention practices
- Develop competency in performing infection prevention practices
- Promote resident and healthcare worker safety

Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) are an Integral Part of Resident Care

- Public health infection prevention and control (IPC) support is critical for outbreak prevention and containment in SNF at high risk for COVID-19 outbreaks, where facility-level IPC capacity is frequently limited
- The HAI Program will engage CNA in an interactive and supportive training environment, empowering them to understand the ***why***, and not just the *how*, of carrying out infection prevention practices.
- All California SNF are invited to participate

Regionally-Based Team

- 3 Project Managers
- 8 Infection Prevention and Control Trainers
- 2 Infection Preventionists



Tailoring Training Sessions to Meet the Needs of California CNA

- Learning Needs Assessment open now through June 18, 2021
- Responses will provide valuable feedback to tailor course content to our unique California population.
- All SNF staff are invited to participate. Participation is optional and not required to participate in the educational training sessions

Interactive Training Sessions

- Monthly sessions launching Summer 2021
- Each training session will highlight common tasks performed by CNA in the skilled nursing facility setting as it relates to specific infection prevention practices.
- Each course will be offered multiple times to accommodate CNA schedules, and will be an opportunity for peer-to-peer learning.
- Trainings will be virtual and interactive.

Sample Curriculum

- Standard Precautions
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Bathing and Dressing
- Skin, Perineal, and Urinary Catheter Care
- Oral Care and Feeding
- Changing Linens and Bed Making
- Proper Positioning and Transferring Residents
- Skin and Nail Care
- Environmental Cleaning and Disinfections
- Mindfulness and Caregiver Burnout

Ongoing Infection Prevention Engagement

- Recorded trainings
- Office hours with hands on activities
- Follow-up support and ongoing infection prevention dialogue
- Project Firstline newsletter
- Email ask box (ProjectFirstline@cdph.ca.gov)
- Social media messaging (Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube)
- Website:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/ProjectFirstline.aspx>



How Can SNF Get Involved?

- ✓ Share Project Firstline information with your CNA
- ✓ Sign up for the distribution list to receive curriculum updates
- ✓ Participate in Learning Needs Assessment (QR Code)
 - open through June 18, 2021
- ✓ Get leadership buy-in (see Introduction Letter)
- ✓ Contact us to discuss more:
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Questions?

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