

# Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Project Firstline Safety Rounds Education Tool

Northwell Health is rolling out important infection prevention information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to health care personnel (HCP) and other team members.

Multiple short, guided courses will give details on disease transmission, specifically Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and infection prevention and control practices (IPC). The goal is to empower all team members to promote safety for all and prevent the spread of infection in everyday practice.

**Preventing the spread of COVID-19 can also prevent other infections.** The mission of CDC's Project Firstline is to enhance the current safety culture, which aligns perfectly with the Northwell Health mission. Universal infection prevention practices eliminate variations and empower HCPs and other team members to minimize the risk for infection.

## Purpose

Project Firstline aims to provide every person working in a U.S. health care facility with a foundational understanding of IPC and the confidence to use it every day to protect the nation, themselves and their colleagues, patients, and others from infectious disease threats such as COVID-19. To provide the scientific basis for measures used to prevent the spread of any infectious disease.

Resource: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/index.html>

## Background

- All team members learn about IPC; this education will explore the reasons we need to make these measures part of our everyday life.
- To review several IPC, with the science behind them such as: the ways a virus and bacteria spread; selection and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and why it is important as a barrier; the role of proper ventilation to prevent spread; cleaning followed by disinfection; with a focus on controlling the source and management of exposures.

The courses will provide rationale behind IPC to prevent illness for our patients, our families, neighbors, and ourselves.

## HCP Participation

- Encourage all HCP to complete a Learning Needs Assessment (LNA) which will guide the development of our educational programs.
- The LNA can be completed via the email sent with link [https://survey.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_29qfKezMZPyOFwO](https://survey.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_29qfKezMZPyOFwO) or scanning the following code, on a tablet or phone to complete the survey.

Take the Learning Needs Assessment Survey today

