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TO: All Licensed Facilities

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DATE: July 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Project Firstline: The Power to Stop Infections. Together.

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The attached information is for your attention.



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Dear Healthcare Leader,

As you might know, part of the mission of the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance (HAI-AR) Program is to identify and fill gaps in infection control knowledge. Project Firstline, launched by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), aims to provide all workers in healthcare settings with a better understanding of infection control and prevention, as well as how to implement best practices.

As part of Project Firstline, state HAI-AR Programs will be conducting learning needs assessments (LNAs) to understand gaps in knowledge and how best to engage healthcare workers in learning opportunities.

Two surveys will be distributed over the summer and will remain open for about 4–6 weeks. One survey is for clinicians, and another for non-clinical staff. Both surveys take less than 10 minutes to complete and will help inform the development of training resources for infection control and prevention.

CT DPH is asking for your help in getting this LNA survey in front of your frontline healthcare workers. We would like to reach as many people as possible, including CNAs, RNs, APRNs, physicians, EVS workers, dietary aides, security workers, volunteers, and more!

A flyer with a QR code, as well as online survey links, will be sent out prior to the survey opening. This can be posted in break rooms, classrooms, nursing stations or emails and other communications to staff.

For questions regarding the survey or the project, please email Abby Griffin at [abby.halloran@ct.gov](mailto:abby.halloran@ct.gov) or the CT DPH HAI-AR Program at [dph.haiar@ct.gov](mailto:dph.haiar@ct.gov).

Thank you,

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