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FROM: New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)

Informational Message:

CDC Project Firstline Training Available

Please distribute immediately to:

Administrators, Infection Preventionists, Medical Directors, Nursing Directors,
and Staff Education Personnel

The NYSDOH Bureau of Healthcare Associated Infections (BHAi) in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is implementing Project Firstline: CDC's National Healthcare Workforce Infection Prevention and Control Training Collaborative.

Project Firstline is training material developed by CDC to provide foundational and practical infection control knowledge directly to all frontline healthcare personnel with particular focus on personnel who do not ordinarily get specific infection prevention and control training. This includes, but is not limited to certified nursing assistants, environmental services, maintenance, dietary, and other ancillary staff from healthcare provider private practices, diagnostic and treatment centers, office-based surgery centers, adult care facilities, skilled nursing facilities (nursing homes), hospitals, hospice programs, and home care.

Health Research Inc. (HRI), in collaboration with NYSDOH BHAi awarded four sub-contracts to provide Project Firstline training to specific target audiences throughout the state. The sub-contractors and their target audiences include:

- Foundation for Quality Care (FQC) - <https://www.projectfirstlineny.org/>
Target audience - skilled nursing and assisted living facilities.
- Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) - https://www.hanys.org/quality/collaboratives_and_learning_networks/project_firstline/
Target audience - home care agencies, hospices, adult day programs and other continuing care providers.
- Island Peer Review Organization (IPRO) - <https://ipro.org/?s=Project+Firstline>
Target audience - home care services agencies, home health agencies, and hospice providers.
- Northwell Health – name@northwell.edu
Target audience - Northwell Health System acute care sites, ambulatory network locations, skilled nursing facilities, home health care agencies and others.

For more information about the Project Firstline no-cost trainings, please contact the above organization(s) that match your intended target audience.

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