

Project Firstline Micro-Learn Tools with QR Codes

The micro-learns are a series of guided discussions that connect infection control concepts to immediate, practical value, so healthcare workers can recognize infection risks and take action to stop the spread of germs.

Bloodborne Pathogen

What Should You Do If You See Blood?

Use Gloves If You're Going to Touch Blood

After completing your task, remove gloves right away and clean your hands.

Use the Right PPE If Splashes and Sprays Are Likely

The PPE you use should protect your skin, eyes, nose, and mouth.

Clean Your Hands

Always clean hands after tasks involving blood – gloves are not a substitute for hand hygiene.

Look for Sharps

Handle needles and sharp items carefully and safely dispose of them in a sharps container.

Always Act As If Blood Is Infectious

Germ Live on the Skin Infographic: <https://bit.ly/2GUA5Fk>
 PPE: Gloves and Gowns Session Plan: <https://bit.ly/46tG6Nz>
 Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Session Plan: <https://bit.ly/2K88TVF>

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Rash

You don't always know which rashes are infectious.

Because you can't always tell what causes a rash, you should always take the following actions to protect patients and yourself from the spread of germs.

Treat broken or irritated skin with care; it's a vulnerable place where germs can enter a patient's body.

Use gloves if you have to touch the rash, to prevent germs from spreading.

Clean and disinfect things that the patient has touched.

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Cough and Congestion

One patient with cough and congestion can release germs into the air and infect multiple people quickly.

You can help stop the spread of germs.

Ask the patient to wear a mask.

If you are near the patient, wear a respirator or mask.

Check to make sure air vents are not blocked.

Place the patient in a separate room.

Clean your hands.

Clean and disinfect surfaces and shared devices.

Germ Live in the Respiratory System Infographic: <https://bit.ly/34QW00E>
 Infection Control Actions to Stop the Spread of Respiratory Viruses: <https://bit.ly/3Q1U0M4>
 Ventilation in Healthcare Settings: <https://bit.ly/2GQZ75a>

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Draining Wound

What to do if you see a patient with a draining wound

Assume the liquid from a draining wound is infectious, even if the drainage is clear.

Don't touch a draining wound or the liquid from it without clean hands and the right PPE.

If you have to touch the wound or liquid, always wear gloves. Always clean your hands as soon as you take your gloves off.

If there's a risk of your clothes touching the wound or liquid, you might need a gown.

If there's a chance you could be splashed, you might need a mask and eye protection.

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Diarrhea

When you see diarrhea, there's often more than meets the eye.

Germs from diarrhea are everywhere and can be infectious. Protect yourself and others:

Use gloves when you're working with a patient or resident or in their environment. Clean your hands immediately afterwards.

Use a gown if there is risk you might get stool on your clothes, like if you're performing personal care tasks or leaning over the bed.

Clean and disinfect the patient's or resident's environment frequently with the correct products.

Diarrhea Dilemma Interactive Scenario: <https://bit.ly/3854F8r>
 Germ Live in the Gut Infographic: <https://bit.ly/2a1d6ag>
 Hand Hygiene Training Module: <https://bit.ly/39B41KW>

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