



# Infection Prevention Training Activity

## Clean Stations = Safe Patients

To strengthen infection control practices in long-term care facilities and foster a culture of health and safety, Summit County Public Health is launching the “Clean Stations Equal Safe Patients” Challenge - a friendly competition between nurses stations. This initiative builds on the foundational training from the CDC’s Project Firstline, specifically the Nurses Station Interactive Scenario.

After completing the CDC training, staff will apply their knowledge by actively identifying and addressing infection risks at their nurses stations. Through peer accountability and a bit of healthy competition, the goal is to turn infection control from a checklist into a shared responsibility and everyday habit.

### The importance behind the training:

- The nurses station is a central hub- high traffic, high risk.
- CDC’s Project Firstline equips frontline staff with practical, scenario-based infection control knowledge.
- This challenge transforms that knowledge into visible action.
- Engaged staff and clean environments directly contribute to reduced infection transmission and improved resident outcomes.



### 1. Complete the Training

Have Staff Complete the CDC Project Firstline [Nurses Station Interactive Scenario](#)

- The training scenario on average will take staff members less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Encourage discussion of key takeaways during team huddles or staff meetings.



### 2. Launch the Challenge

- Divide the facility into teams by nurses station (or unit, depending on size).
- Each team is responsible for maintaining their station using infection control principles.



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### 3. Scoring Criteria

Evaluate stations on a basis that works for your facility ( i.e. at the same time over a course of a few days, once each shift for a day, etc.)

- Stations can be evaluated on:
  - Visual cleanliness and organization.
  - Proper PPE storage and usage.
  - Hand hygiene supplies readily available and used.
  - Removal of clutter or items that increase infection risk.
  - Demonstrated application of training insights (e.g., not touching contaminated surfaces before clean ones).

\*As every facility may have different set-ups and supplies, tailor criteria to your stations

### 4. Peer Check & Support:

- Teams can perform informal walk throughs of each other's stations and give positive feedback or suggestions.
- Promotes a "See something, say something" culture in a respectful, constructive way.

### 5. Recognition & Rewards:

- Recognize the winning team by sending SCPH a picture of the staff and their super clean station (or send us a short summary of how the activity went) to [communicabledisease@scph.org](mailto:communicabledisease@scph.org)
  - All submissions received by 7/31/2025 will be entered to win a prize basket from SCPH.
- Internally recognize the winning team with certificates, a trophy, or highlighting the win in internal newsletters or meetings.
- Share before-and-after photos (if possible) and highlight infection control achievements.

### 6. Sustain the Momentum:

- Encourage staff to reflect on how the state of their nursing stations impacts resident safety.
- Periodically rotate or refresh the challenge with a new focus (e.g., breakrooms, supply carts).