



# Georgia Project Firstline

Do you have questions about infection prevention and control that are eating you alive? Connect with [Georgia Project Firstline](#) and learn about best practices in infection prevention and available resources.

Congratulations to the Region E Project Firstline team. Health care partner Shannon Porterfield has achieved certification in infection prevention! Certification demonstrates knowledge of core infection prevention domains and principles. Shannon was also sponsored by Georgia Project Firstline to attend an [infection prevention conference](#) to enhance her knowledge.



## **Education**

[CDC Project Firstline](#) provides free infection prevention education. This [education](#) is designed for the frontline health care worker.



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Environmental Services (EVS) professionals are often required to clean and disinfect rooms in which various infectious agents are present: Clostridioides difficile, Candida auris, SARS-CoV-2, tuberculosis and many more. The role of EVS professionals in frontline health care is often overlooked, and they often do not have access to the same education that other frontline workers have about pathogens and proper infection control practices. In this Stories of Care episode, Pam Toppel, the Manager of Environmental Services and Linen for OSF HealthCare, discusses the key role of EVS in infection prevention and control, and how COVID brought their important work to the forefront.

[Partners in Care: Environmental Services on the Front Line of Infection Prevention and Control](#)

## Meet the Georgia Project Firstline Teams for Region B and E

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## Congratulations on achieving certification in infection prevention!



"Though I wasn't able to always be present for the group meeting, I thought it was very helpful to review the questions and rationale that was sent out after each meeting. I felt welcomed by the group and the support offered to us!"

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