# South Dakota Project Firstline



## February 2025 Newsletter

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### **Infection Control Actions: Prenatal Infection Prevention**

Understand and prevent the spread of prenatal infections through effective infection control measures.

Educational Resource for Healthcare Professionals: Pregnancy and Vaccines

#### How do Prenatal Infections happen?

Prenatal infections can occur when bacteria, viruses, or parasites are transmitted from mother to baby.

#### Where are the Risks?

Preterm birth, low birth weight, developmental delays, or serious health conditions in newborns.

#### Prevention:

#### **Maternal Immunization**

 Promote Tdap and Flu Vaccines - emphasize the role of healthcare providers in recommending vaccines to reduce the risk of severe infections and complications for both mother and baby.

#### **Family Support**

 Encourage family members to receive necessary vaccinations, such as the flu shot, to protect the expecting mother.

#### **Resources and Outreach**

- ✓ Collaborate with community partners and social media platforms to spread awareness.
- ✓ Distribute CDC approved online and print resources for community education.

#### Office Hours Call Link:

**Join us!** Office Hours are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am CST. Each month we focus on *Infection Prevention* tips. *Learn, share, network!* 

Join the **South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care** scheduled Zoom meeting for Office Hours, Register here: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErceygqTotHdwQpfrjApSA-nQwCd5oe99P</u>





#### Scan for FREE educational videos:



Learn how to prevent the spread of infections with CDC infection control trainings, posters, and resources.

