



South Dakota Project Firstline



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Infection Control Actions: Respiratory

Stop the spread of viral respiratory infections like influenza, RSV, and COVID-19.

Guidance for Healthcare Professionals: [Infection Control Actions for Respiratory Viruses](#)

Pathways for germs to spread

- Breathing in the germs in respiratory droplets
- Splashes and sprays that get into your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Touch, germs in the nose and mouth can easily spread to your skin and hands, which can then spread those germs to other surfaces, devices, and people.

Masking

- Respiratory viruses spread by respiratory droplets, very large to very small.
- Masks block these droplets
- When needed and used correctly, respirators filter respiratory droplets as air is breathed in & out.
- Wearing masks and respirators in healthcare facilities will protect you, your patient, and your coworkers.

Hand hygiene and routine cleaning & disinfection help remove or destroy respiratory viruses

- Alcohol based sanitizer inactivates viral particles.
- Soap and water carry viral particles off the skin.
- EPA-registered disinfecting products destroy the virus.



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



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Office Hours Call Link:

Join us! Office hours are on the 2nd 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 August's Office Hours, Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZErcyggTotHdwQpfrjApSA-nQwCd5oe99P>