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Project Firstline Offers **Micro-Learns** to help Stop the Spread of Germs in Healthcare

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. They are short, adaptable and can easily be used in your facility to train and educate staff.

December's Micro-Learn "**Blood**"

Always assume blood is infectious. People who are infected with bloodborne pathogens don't always have symptoms, but their blood and some body fluids still have virus in them.

Bloodborne pathogens can be spread when infected blood enters the body, this can happen from a needlestick, through breaks or cracks in the skin, or by splashes or sprays to the eyes, nose, or mouth.

Because we always assume blood is infectious, infection control actions for blood focus on preventing infected blood from entering the body and limiting its spread in the environment and between people. Don't touch blood without gloves on.

When you see blood, look for sharps. If you're approaching a place where a procedure was done, be careful handling drapes, linens, or other items that might be hiding a needle or other used sharps.

Discuss with staff: What do you do when you see blood? Do you worry about catching something? Do you have all the tools you need? How can we do better as a team?

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Office Hours Call Link:

Join us! Office hours are the 2nd Wednesdays of each month at 11:00 am CST. Each month we focus on an Infection Prevention tip. *Learn, share, network!*

The **South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care** is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join here:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89402993770?pwd=NkVyMVQwVFdjQlRON0FIMFhmckZwUT09#success>