



Georgia Project Firstline



We want to learn about your infection control needs.

Georgia Project Firstline (GPFL) is helping healthcare workers understand the 'why' behind infection prevention recommendations and best practices. GPFL's mission is to support the advancement of infection prevention and control practices in the health care system.

Please encourage all health care workers to complete this Learning Needs Assessment Survey.

Have you had any infection caused by water-associated germs in your facility? Take a moment and review the [risks associated with water in health care](#).

A Sneaky Stream: Water in Health Care

Germs, including harmful germs, can live and grow in water. These germs can spread and cause infections in patients.



Reduce the risk for germs to spread from water:

-  **Be Water Aware**
Recognize when healthcare tasks may involve exposure to water or wet surfaces.
-  **Never Use Tap Water with Sterile Equipment**
This spreads dangerous germs to patients and equipment.
-  **Be Aware of Splashes**
Every time you turn the water on, there is a risk for germs to splash and spread to nearby equipment and surfaces.
-  **Keep Care Items Protected**
Store patient care items, such as wound dressings and medications, away from sinks and splashes.

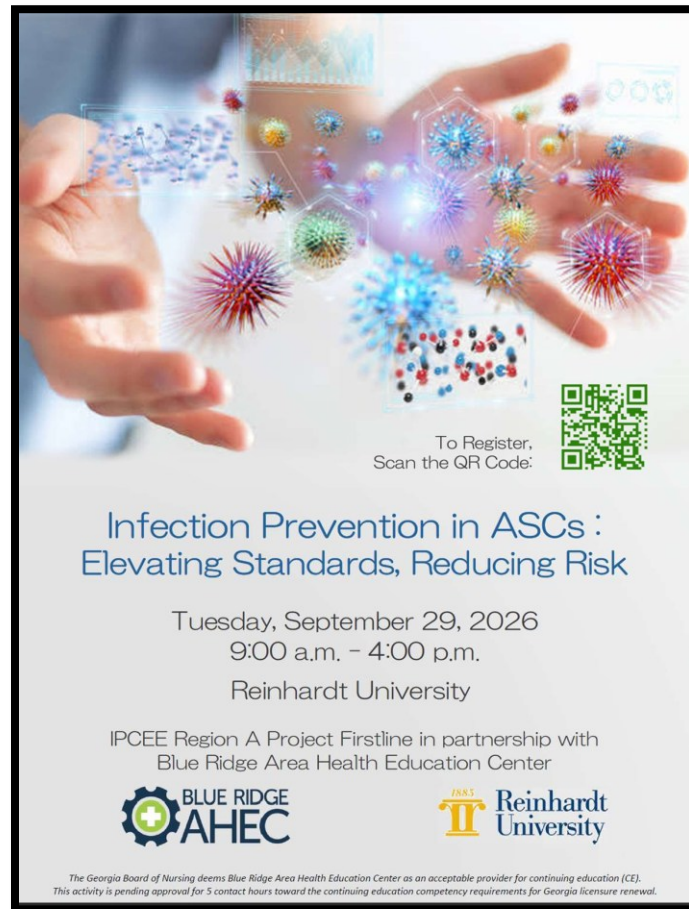
Learn More

Reduce Risk from Water: <https://bit.ly/3R7nmEi>
Germs Live in Water Infographic: <https://bit.ly/3UYQt66>
Environmental Guidelines - Water: <https://bit.ly/3V4XZE7>

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 U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Learn best practices in ASC by attending this free educational event sponsored by Region A Project Firstline. Contact hours are available.



Take advantage of CDC's Project Firstline free resources, which are designed to empower health care workers to think critically about infection control. Learn about Georgia Project Firstline by connecting with your region's infection prevention and control education expert (IPCEE).

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