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LTC Update:

- **QSO-24-08-NH Enhanced Barrier Precautions to Prevent Spread of Multidrug-resistant Organisms (MDROs)**
- **Free CNA/QMA Training Through Indiana Nurse Aide Connection**
- **Project Firstline Interactive Toolkit**

QSO-24-08-NH Enhanced Barrier Precautions to Prevent Spread of Multidrug-resistant Organisms (MDROs)

CMS has issued new guidance on the use of enhanced barrier precautions (EBP) to align with nationally accepted standards. EBP recommendations now include the use of EBP for residents with chronic wounds or indwelling medical devices during high-contact resident care activities, regardless of their MDRO status. The new guidance is being incorporated into F880, Infection Prevention and Control and can be found [here](#).

Free CNA/QMA Training through Indiana Nurse Aide Connection

Indiana Nurse Aide Connection is a program designed to provide free training and testing to encourage people of all ages to start working as Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs) and Qualified Medication Aides (QMAs) with the people who need them and appreciate them the most—the residents in Indiana’s long-term care facilities.

There is a critical shortage of health care workers in Indiana. By covering the cost of training and the certification exam, the Indiana Nurse Aide Connection program aims to shrink that shortage. Funding has been provided through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Strike Team.

The Indiana Nurse Aide Connection program is being offered for a limited time. The candidates must enroll by May 5. Interested parties should begin the application process as soon as possible by registering [here](#).

Any questions can be directed to Allison Lipps at alipps@health.in.gov.

Project Firstline Interactive Toolkit

Attention CNA Programs

The University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community has developed additional resources for your infection control instruction. The Project Firstline Interactive Toolkit is [here](#).

This toolkit provides new and fresh interactive resources to understand how to apply basic infection control solutions that can save patients' lives. Furthermore, this toolkit will not only generate excitement about infection control practices, but will encourage students to share stories of practical application outside of the classroom. These resources will support all healthcare workers' infection control actions, correctly every day.

What's in it for me?

- **Pre/Post Assessments**
- **Office Hours** - Get your Project Firstline questions answered every other Tuesday from 12-1 p.m. ET. Visit the [web page](#) for dates and the link to join.
- **Word Searches**
- **Crosswords**
- **And More**

These resources are tools that will enhance your instruction in infection control and practice.

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