

THE WORD IS OUT..

PROJECT FIRSTLINE TRAINING WORKS!

5 QUESTIONS with MISTY FAULKNER, RN

1. What does a "great day" for you look like? I started my career as a Labor and Delivery Nurse and to be honest, this is where I truly shine! A great day for me at work is being able to check all the boxes on my list for the day. I'm a list-maker; I like to set goals and accomplish them. A great day for me outside of work includes plenty of self-care: massages, pedicures, good food and quality time with my 3-year-old daughter Maelie.

2. Where do you feel some healthcare departments in our state may be falling short in implementing infection control procedures? I feel sometimes Housekeeping gets taken for granted as part of an Infection Control Plan. The Environmental Services role is vital in infection prevention. We need to make sure every healthcare worker has the resources and education they need.

3. What kind of Project Firstline (PFL) infection prevention training did you attend? I have attended online, in-person, zoom, and a team session here at *Douglas County Memorial Hospital* in Armour. I like that the training is clear and to the point.

4. Can you give a specific example of how PFL has helped you? The training has increased my confidence as an Infection Control Officer. The Hand Hygiene education was a great refresher – it reiterated to me how important the due diligence of handwashing is in overall infection prevention.

5. Final thoughts? The SD PFL team does a great job! I love the SD PFL website! So much information to learn from and share -- I encourage everyone to check it out: www.sdprojectfirstline.org. I definitely recommend PFL! As a newer Infection Preventionist, Project Firstline has helped me tremendously!

“I've known since the 7th grade that I wanted to become a nurse. I just really enjoy helping others.”

– Misty Faulkner

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