

Infection Prevention Quick Guide: Education

Infection prevention education can feel intimidating but there are a few simple steps to help. You can always reach out if you need support. Join the weekly meeting *Cuppa Tea with an IP* for education resources.

Point your phone's camera at the QR code to register for *Cuppa Tea with an IP*.



Infection Prevention Checklist



- 1. What infection prevention and control (IPC) topic needs education?**
 - a. You can break more complex topics or ideas into smaller nuggets. Each nugget should have a clear learning objective (<https://bloomstaxonomy.net/>).
- 2. Who is your target audience?**
 - a. Have they had this training before, or will it be brand new?
 - b. Will you have participants with different IPC experience or language or literacy levels? If yes, how will each group know what content is for them?
- 3. Keep it short and simple.**
 - a. What are the main points that they need to learn?
 - b. Is there a practice they need to change?
 - c. Use plain language: choose words your audience already knows or explain thoughtfully. (instead of “don” you can say “put on” your PPE)
(<https://www.cdc.gov/healthliteracy/developmaterials/plainlanguage.html>)
- 4. Make education interesting and memorable.**
 - a. Use pictures, a short video, or interactive elements to make your teaching stand out.
 - b. Put yourself in the audience's shoes; would you like to receive this education?
- 5. You don't have to start from scratch. You can use education from trusted sources like VDH, VIPTA, VIPTC, CDC, WHO, APIC, ASHE, etc.**
 - a. If you find an educational resource, you can use all or just part of it.
 - b. Make your educational materials match your objective.

Additional Resources



- VDH HAI/AR webpage: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/haiar/>
- Virginia Infection Prevention and Control Training Alliance (VIPTA): <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/vipta/>
- Virginia Infection Prevention Training Center (VIPTC): <https://viptc.vcu.edu/>
- CDC's Project Firstline: <https://www.cdc.gov/project-firstline/>