



September 2023 Newsletter

Topic of the Month: Environmental Services

Cleaning removes visible foreign and organic material, as well as some germs, from surfaces, while disinfecting kills germs on surfaces or objects. It's important to clean before disinfecting because dirt and grime can make disinfectants not work as well. Always follow the instructions on a disinfectant label, especially instructions for contact time, to ensure the surface is properly disinfected.



To learn how PFL can support your EVS team with resources and trainings, go to chicagohan.org/hai/pfl



The CDC has an online interactive graphic novel and game that details the duties of EVS personnel and administrators! To read or play along, go to the CDC's [EVS and the Battle Against Infection page](#).

Events in Healthcare

EVS week is September 10-16. Our PFL team is spotlighting the vital role EVS workers play in keeping patients and staff in healthcare facilities safe.



The month of September is dedicated to Sepsis awareness, and PFL wants to make sure you know how to #GetAheadofSepsis

Learn more here:
[CDC Sepsis Page](#)



Introducing the Chicago Project Firstline team!

Our PFL-Chicago Team is available to answer your IPC questions, schedule onsite trainings (earn CEU credits), direct you to free CDC educational materials, and more!

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