

Germs can live in the **RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.**

**KNOW WHERE GERMS LIVE TO STOP SPREAD
AND PROTECT PATIENTS.**



WHERE IS THE RISK?

- When an infected person talks, breathes, sneezes, or coughs, they produce respiratory droplets that could spread germs.
- Germs are more likely to spread in places with poor ventilation or lots of people.
- When people touch their faces, respiratory germs on their hands can end up in their eyes, nose, or mouth and cause an infection.



BACTERIA AND VIRUSES CAN LIVE IN THE

- Mouth
- Throat
- Airway
- Lungs



HEALTHCARE TASKS INVOLVING THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

- Aerosol-generating procedures (AGPs), such as intubation and extubation
- Activities with close interaction within an enclosed space, such as talking or examining a patient's throat



INFECTION CONTROL ACTIONS TO REDUCE RISK

- INSERT



**PROJECT
FIRST LINE**

CDC's National Training Collaborative
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