



AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
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ANNOUNCES AN OPEN RECRUITMENT FOR:

**INFECTION PREVENTIONIST/SENIOR INFECTION
PREVENTIONIST**

Term-Limited Position Ending March 31, 2022

Application Deadline: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services
LOCATION: Countywide
SALARY: Infection Preventionist Range 78 \$5741 \$6022 \$6328 \$6644 \$6976**
Senior Infection Preventionist Range 80 \$6018 \$6323 \$6642 \$6971 \$7320**
(The above monthly salaries are paid over 26 annual pay periods.)

****BENEFITS :** CalPERS Retirement System : Existing ("Classic") CalPERS members as of January 1, 2013, (2% at 55) - Inyo County pays employee contribution for current CalPERS members; New CalPERS members hired after January 1, 2013 (2% at 62) will be required to pay employee portion of retirement. Medical Plan - Inyo County pays a portion of employee and dependent monthly premium on PERS medical plans; 100% of employee and dependent monthly premium paid for dental and vision; \$20,000 term life insurance policy on employee. Vacation - 10 days per year during the first three years; 15 days per year after three years; 1 additional day for each year of service after ten years to a maximum of 25 days per year. Sick leave- 15 days per year. Flex (personal days)- 5 days per fiscal year. Paid holidays - 11 per year.

DEFINITION: An Infection Preventionist is responsible for the effective direction, management, and operation of the infection prevention program, including the education of staff members and independent practitioners, and consulting with the state department of health. The IP utilizes evidence-based practices such as those published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Additionally, the IP ensures compliance with regulations and requirements from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), The Joint Commission (TJC), other accrediting healthcare organizations, and state regulations. This individual is accountable for decreasing the incidence and transmission of infectious diseases throughout the community.

A Senior Infection Preventionist brings additional public health knowledge and experience to the position with licensure as a public health nurse.

CURRENT POSITION:

Position duties can be met via a blended model of in person office and telework.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES: Partners with the Deputy Director of Public Health and Inyo County Public Health to develop, implement and evaluate annual infection prevention goals and action plan; partners with facility leaders, physicians, local, state, and national agencies on activities related to infection prevention; accountable for surveillance and investigations of healthcare acquired and community acquired infections; reviews relevant public health issues to integrate into practice and implements infection prevention education programs; systematically collects and analyzes healthcare-associated infection data using epidemiological principles and statistical methods to identify trends and risk factors; measures progress and sustainability of prevention efforts over time; maintains a system for reporting possible incidents of communicable diseases to local, state, or national agencies as required, maintain current knowledge of federal, state, and local regulations and ensure that the healthcare leaders are informed of appropriate issues; understand and comply with infection control, safety, and OSHA procedures and regulations

KNOWLEDGE OF: Microbiology, epidemiology, infectious diseases, sterilization and disinfection, medication, vaccine and antibiotic usage, statistics, and regulatory requirements. Possess strong skills in the areas of consultation, teaching, data analysis & interpretation, and project management

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Infection Preventionist: Must possess a current California Registered Nurse License with a broad level of experience including critical care, emergency medicine, and medical/surgical nursing.

Senior Infection Preventionist: Must possess a current California Registered Nurse License with a Bachelor's Degree in an applied clinical science (Nursing, Medical Technology, Microbiology, Public Health).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: You may be required to drive a motor vehicle in the course of employment and must possess a valid operator's license issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles. Must successfully complete a pre-employment background investigation. Your position may be required to serve as a Disaster Service Worker during a County emergency.

SELECTION: Selection procedures will be determined by the number and qualifications of applicants and may include a qualification screening, written examination, computer skills exercise, and oral examination.

APPLICATION: **This recruitment will remain open until the position has been filled.** Applications **must be received** at the Inyo County Personnel Department, P.O. Box 249, Independence, CA 93526. Must apply on Inyo County application form. A cover letter and/or resume will be accepted in addition to the application form but will not serve as a substitute for a completed application. **It is not acceptable to complete the application with statements like "See/Refer to Resume" or "See Attached".** Incomplete applications will not be processed. Applications may be faxed to meet the deadline—original application with original signature must be mailed.

The County of Inyo has work sites located throughout the Owens Valley (Independence, Bishop, Lone Pine, Big Pine, and Olancho) and the Death Valley area (Death Valley, Tecopa, and Shoshone). All County positions are considered Countywide positions. Positions are assigned to a work site based upon the needs of the County. Positions may be temporarily or permanently reassigned to another work site as deemed necessary by the Department Head and/or County Administration.

THIS RECRUITMENT MAY ESTABLISH AN ELIGIBILITY LIST THAT MAY BE USED FOR ONE YEAR IN FILLING COUNTY-WIDE VACANCIES THAT MAY OCCUR IN THIS JOB CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH QUALIFYING DISABILITIES: Inyo County will make reasonable efforts in the examination process on a case-by-case basis to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you have special needs, please contact (760) 878-0377 prior to the examination process.

CITIZENSHIP/IMMIGRATION STATUS: Inyo County employs only U.S. citizens and lawfully authorized non-citizens in accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.