



## **INFECTION PREVENTIONIST/SENIOR INFECTION PREVENTIONIST**

**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.

