

career opportunity

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

— COUNTY OF LAKE —

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The County of Lake seeks a **Public Health Officer** with passion, experience, talent and dedication to serving our community. Successful candidates will have a solid understanding of what community public health is, a passion for public health and serving others and be a:

- licensed physician in the State of California, or other State, and the ability to obtain a California license following an employment offer via the California Medical Board's priority review and processing for out-of-state applicants—see details at www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/Physicians_and_Surgeons/Underserved.aspx
- community collaborator,
- strategic partner,
- participatory and effective communicator, and
- effectively serve as our public health subject matter expert for the County of Lake.

"Lake County... a land for all seasons"

— THE COMMUNITY/COUNTY —

Lake County is located just north of the California Bay Area and is situated between the California Coast and the Central Valley. The County is nestled in the Pacific Coast Mountain Range, and boasts the largest natural Lake in California, Clear Lake, at its center and is a region of California that is absolutely beautiful. Lake County offers its residents affordable housing, opportunities for an active lifestyle, a sense of community, and clean air (for three consecutive year, Lake County's air has been rated cleanest in the nation when it comes to fine particle pollution, according to the American Lung Association, and it's the 24th year the county has been at the top of California's healthy air list).

Lake County provides a more comfortable pace of living, has little traffic, great schools, and is an ideal place to raise a family and/or retire. Just north of Napa and Sonoma counties and east of Mendocino county, Lake County is part of wine country and has exceptional wineries, a strong arts culture, a professional and youth symphony, concerts, and is home to the Quilt Trail and many more amazing community activities. Only 120 miles from San Francisco, and 100 miles from Sacramento, Lake County is in close proximity to urban comforts and entertainment, without the urban community challenges. The County is a great place to work, live and play. For more on great things happening in Lake County, go to lakecounty.com/



— PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION —

The Public Health Division is part of the Health Services Department. The Health Services Department has a current annual budget of approximately \$10.8 million and a staff of 53 (which includes 31 Public Health and 22 Env Health FTE). The Public Health Division promotes living a healthy, full, productive and enjoyable life for the residents of Lake County, with a mission to build a healthy community through prevention and education.

Public Health programs includes: Family Planning, Maternal and Child Health, Women Infants and Children Program (WIC) Immunizations, Vital Statistics, Communicable Disease Prevention and Surveillance, Tobacco Prevention and Environmental Health. We have a great team dedicated to serving those most vulnerable in our community. You can find more information about our division, programs and services at health.co.lake.ca.us

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC

The Public Health Department is fortunate to have a very supportive Board of Supervisors and an engaged County Administrative Officer, which has been critical in the County's ability to be mighty in the face of COVID 19 pandemic. Lake County case rate continues to improve: Lake's case rate was as high as 11/100,000 in early March, 2021, and by mid-March it was down to 7.5/100,000. In person instruction for grades 7-12 are expected to move to hybrid models with some on-site instruction starting in March, 2021, and businesses, gyms, museums, wineries/breweries, movie theaters, etc. ARE OPEN! Lake County is small, but mighty and we are moving along with two Drive through sites for vaccinations and not experiencing many of the issues or challenges that other California communities are facing.

For more information read recent articles at www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/PressReleases/update031221.htm



THE JOB: PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

The Public Health Officer (PHO) is the face of Public Health in the County and is responsible for public health policy development and community health planning. This is an at-will position appointed by and reporting directly to the Board of Supervisors. The PHO serves as the medical subject matter expert for public health under with the Health Services Director, who provides program and administrative oversight. The PHO also works closely with state and federal agencies, professionals and support staff, and other County departments. This position plays a strategic and critical role in collaborating with emergency management agencies professionals, community health providers, foundations, committees, community-based organizations, and the community-at-large to set local public health priorities and policy.

This position will be involved in and participate on various committees and collaborations in the community. The PHO provides technical consultation to public officials and other health providers. Th position will oversee nine public health nurses, including the Director of PH Nursing, and have support of staff within the public health department to accomplish their mission, goals and programmatic responsibilities. The PHO directs programs, enforces local health orders and ordinances pertaining to protection of public health, assesses the community health status, provides overall direction and guidance related to public health matters, and advises public health professionals, constituents, county leadership, and the Board of Supervisors on community health issues.

The Public Health Officer supports Emergency Preparedness Programs (overseeing the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator) and the Emergency Management Services Program, such as ambulance capacity, and will lead ambulance service contract discussions. In this role, the PHO may also be involved with training exercises, emergency services planning, coordinating with and working with various emergency management professionals and associated agencies, identifying grant opportunities and oversight of other grant programs.



TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

The successful candidate will...

- Be a graduate from a medical college of good standing and repute, per California Health and Safety Code Section 101005.
- Have 3 years experience as a licensed physician **-OR-** 2 years as a licensed physician in a public health agency
 - Possess a valid unrestricted Physician's and Surgeon's license issued by the California Medical Board **-OR-** possess a valid unrestricted Doctor of Osteopathy license issued by Osteopathic Medical Board of California **-OR-** be an out of state licensed physician who is eligible for licensure in the State of California The California Medical Board provides priority review and processing of applications for out-of-state applicants for licensure as a physician and surgeon if you receive and accept an offer of employment for an underserved population in California. This position will qualify for priority review.
www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/Physicians_and_Surgeons/Underserved.aspx
- Demonstrate familiarity with the broad range of specific public health programs in California.
- Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate valid California Driver's License
- Be able to attend meetings outside of normal working hours and must work on-call to respond to emergency situations during weekends, holidays, and other off-hour shifts.
- Must be eligible for State Skilled Professional Medical Personnel (SPMP) classification as defined by 42 CFR PART 432.

Desirable

Master's degree in Public Health: additional graduate level coursework in Public Health, Epidemiology, Environmental Health, Maternal and Child Health, or closely related field.



— THE SELECTED CANDIDATE WILL —

Leadership/Public Relations/Communication:

- Have a passion for public health and serving people in our community.
- Maintain high visibility on community health issues and represent the County in a medical capacity in interaction with: the community, governmental agencies, and professional organizations.
- Works with the Health Director and the Leadership team to coordinate and oversee the work of public health professionals and support staff.
- Serve as a primary spokesperson for medical issues on behalf of the local health department.
- Provide medical leadership during a public health threat or emergency and determine the level of response required, with the authority to declare a public health emergency.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships and maintain a strong partnership with local law enforcement agencies.
- Work effectively with County, State, Federal and local government officials.
- Work with the local medical community on medical issues related to Public Health.
- Be responsive to the needs of the media and emergency management professionals.
- Take an interest in public relation strategies.
- Demonstrate operational agility and effectively leverages resources.
- Communicate complex medical information to people with various levels of understanding.
- Participate at statewide meetings and conferences, and local boards and commissions.
- Make public presentations to elected officials, the media and the community on public health matters.

Technical/Medical/Public Health:

- Serve as the official registrar for vital statistics (birth and death certificates).
- Serve in the capacity of the Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) and subject matter expert in public health emergency preparedness and multi-agency coordination.
- Provide guidance, consultation and policy direction in a medical capacity to physicians, laboratories, hospitals, health care providers, schools, correctional facilities and the public for diagnosis, mitigation and prevention of reportable communicable diseases, including sexually transmitted diseases and Tuberculosis.
- Promote the advancement of maternal and child health.
- Provide medical consultation to public and environmental health programs in compliance with California Health and Safety Codes and local ordinances.
- Have knowledge of Federal, State and local laws pertaining to the role of the Public Health Officer.
- Direct and evaluate the medical oversight of public health programs.
- Monitor the jail medical program and participate in quality assurance for inmate health care.
- Ensure proper management and compliance with applicable grants.

— SALARY & BENEFITS —

Salary is DOE/DOQ and has the option to be a full-time employee with the below benefits or a contract employee with a higher salary.

- **RETIREMENT:** The County participates in CalPERS retirement, (2% @ 55 formula—Classic, 2% @ 62 formula—New).
- **MANAGEMENT LEAVE:** 40 hours paid administrative leave per year that may be cashed out.
- **HEALTH INSURANCE:** The County currently pays a \$1,000 monthly contribution toward the employee's choice of medical, dental and vision; life insurance is provided.
- **HOLIDAY & VACATION:** 13 paid holidays per year.
- Three weeks of paid vacation per year for the first through fifth year of employment; increasing with service.
- 12 days of paid sick leave per year which are accrued and not capped.
- Various pretax options such as dependent care, and unreimbursed medical.
- Department paid cell phone or cell phone stipend are available.
- Deferred compensation plans, credit union membership, AFLAC, AIRMed Care and Supplemental Life Insurance are available.
- Additional benefits with qualification criteria include: relocation allowances, prior government service toward vacation accrual, purchase of vacation and sick time on appointment, tuition reimbursement. Student loan forgiveness programs may be available.

— HOW TO APPLY —

For first consideration please apply **ASAP** for first consideration.

To apply, please complete an application at:
wbcpinc.com/job-board/

Interview Timeline

Mark your calendar for these Important

Dates: **APRIL 19 & 20**—all candidates will need to be available for both days (interviews are currently being scheduled for virtual).

Questions?

Call Wendi at:

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