

## Infection Preventionist (IP) Nurse

**DEPARTMENT:** Nursing

### **POSITION SUMMARY**

The Infection Preventionist (IP) Nurse conducts activities and maintains all records related to infection surveillance and act as a leader/educator related to infection control/prevention and quality improvement.

### **POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

- Partners with the Director of Nursing for Epidemiology/Infectious Disease to develop, implement and evaluate annual infection prevention goals and action plan
- Performs on-going monitoring of healthcare associated infections.
- Assesses infection prevention areas for improvement and makes recommendations for corrective action
- Prepares infection prevention summary reports for the QAPI Committee.
- Monitors or oversees infection prevention practices and employee compliance for SNF and support departments.
- Serves as an educational resource for SNF and support departments.
- Provides infection surveillance data reporting to the Antibiotic Stewardship Program Committee routinely. Serve as the committee's co-chair.
- Conducts outbreak investigation and initiates control measures
- Reports communicable diseases to the local, state and federal agencies as required by law.
- Consults with center leadership and physicians as needed to improve infection prevention and control practices
- Initiates follow-up on employee/resident exposures to communicable diseases
- Leads short and long-term planning for the infection prevention department

- Participates in the completion of annual and periodic updates/changes to the Facility Assessment.
- Performs other duties as directed.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Holds a current state license as LVN
- Minimum of two (2) years consecutive experience in field of nursing immediately prior to application and minimum of one (1) year of experience as a licensed nurse in providing direct nursing care to aged persons, preferably in an acute or long-term care settings
- CDC certification in infection prevention is required. Candidate will be given 1 month to complete such certification if he/she does not currently hold it.
- Associate-Infection Prevention and Control certification is required. Candidate will be eligible after the first six (6) months of employment and the certification must be completed within one (1) year.
- Ability to teach and evaluate clinical performance as it relates to infection prevention and control.
- Solid communication skills;
- Strong computer skills required (Excel, Word, and PowerPoint).
- Basic Life Support certification

*The final candidate must successfully pass The Reutlinger's post offer, pre-employment testing which includes a criminal background check, drug test, COVID test, TB screen test and health screen. All staff, except wait staff and dishwasher positions, must be at least 18 years of age.*

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