THE POSITION

The incumbent will serve as the Director of Public Health for Contra Costa Health Services, overseeing a division of 340 full-time employees and a budget of $57 million, and:

• provide public health leadership for the county, and oversight of public health programs
• collaborate with diverse professionals, agencies, community organizations and residents to identify and address public health issues in the community
• ensure effective planning, implementation and evaluation of programs to meet changing community health needs, and lead ongoing community assessment, strategic planning, quality improvement and accreditation processes
• oversee the enforcement of public health laws and regulations in collaboration with the Health Officer, including communicable disease control, environmental health, hazardous materials, vital records and emergency medical services
• serve as a spokesperson and advocate for programs and policies that improve community health and that promote health equity
• supervise a management team of competent and creative professionals
• oversee division personnel management and budget preparation with Health Services personnel and finance units
• report to the Health Services Director and participate as a member of the department’s senior staff

If the incumbent is a licensed physician in California, the Public Health Director also may be appointed as the County Health Officer. Otherwise, a physician Health Officer will report to the Public Health Director.

WHO WE ARE

The Public Health Division is part of Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS), a public healthcare agency that includes a 166-bed hospital, a federally qualified health plan with more than 140,000 members, 10 federally qualified primary care health centers and numerous satellite clinics that serve more than 100,000 patients annually, most of them low income.

CCHS has been widely recognized for building an integrated health system that embraces health reform to promote patient and community health.

Our mission is to provide care and improve the health of all people in Contra Costa County, with special attention to those who are most vulnerable to health problems.

Our approach includes partnership with our patients, cities, agencies and diverse communities, and collaboration between all our divisions of service, including Contra Costa Regional Medical Center & Health Centers, the Contra Costa Health Plan, Public Health, Behavioral Health, Environmental Health, Emergency Medical Services and the Hazardous Materials Program.

With more than 4,000 employees, CCHS is the largest department in Contra Costa County government.
DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- a Master’s degree in public health, public policy or a related field
- at least five years of experience in management or leadership of public health or related programs
- demonstrated ability to lead a public health organization, including managers, staff, policy makers and the communities it serves
- excellent oral and written communication skills
- the ability to effectively represent the Public Health Division to other governmental agencies, elected officials, community-based organizations, the business community and the public
- a demonstrated ability to collaborate with a wide range of professionals, programs and communities
- a commitment to ethical and tenacious efforts to protect and promote the health of Contra Costa County’s communities, and to promote health equity

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa’s population mirrors the diversity of California. Governed by a five member Board of Supervisors and including 19 incorporated cities, the county includes affluent bedroom communities, chemical plants and oil refineries, rural agricultural land and areas of urban and suburban poverty.

Contra Costa, across the Bay to the east of San Francisco, has a pleasant Mediterranean climate. We’re conveniently located near all the attractions that make the region famous: world-class dining, art and theater, universities, professional sports, iconic research and technology centers, and wine country. Contra Costa’s extensive network of regional parks and waterways provide ample options for outdoor recreation.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a resume and a letter of interest to Dorette McCollumn, Personnel Officer at Contra Costa Health Services, via email at Dorette.McCollumn@hsd.cccounty.us

Review of resumes will begin on March 15. The position will be open until filled.

Contra Costa Health Services is an equal opportunity employer.

The Director of Public Health position is exempt from the county’s merit system and is appointed by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. We offer a competitive benefit package and salary, depending upon qualifications and experience.

This information is available online at cchealth.org/jobs

For more information about Contra Costa Health Services, visit cchealth.org