



# NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH NOTICE OF VACANCY

State of New Jersey

**The Department of Health received a Civil Service Commission decision on August 26, 2020 approving interim appointments for Unclassified Service positions within the Department of Health for an interim Public Health Recovery Division, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection. This interim division is currently established and is expected to remain operational until December 30, 2025.**

Title <b>Research Scientist 2 [Unclassified]</b>			Salary <b>P28 \$82,643.36-\$117,769.55</b>
Posting Number <b>E236-24</b>	Position Number <b>962052</b>	Number of Positions <b>1</b>	Posting Period * From: <b>4/2/2024</b> To: <b>4/16/2024</b>
Location: <b>Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health Communicable Disease Service (CDS) 135 E. State Street, 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 0862</b>			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: <b>Applicants who Meet the Requirements</b>
<b>GENERAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>The Communicable Disease Service (CDS) is seeking a Research Scientist 2 (Epidemiologist) to serve as a Respiratory Illness and School Subject Matter Expert to work on non-influenza respiratory illness surveillance and response activities and serve as a subject matter expert for disease outbreaks in school/childcare settings. Responsible for planning and implementing epidemiologic investigations related to respiratory illness surveillance. Monitors epidemiologic and clinical data collected from cases to identify changes in clinical presentation, illness severity and/or populations/groups at risk. This epidemiologist will work closely with various groups within CDS to identify and research metrics, to track the incidence and prevalence of respiratory illnesses and outbreaks in various settings throughout the state, including long-term care facilities and schools. Provides subject matter expertise and training for the prevention and control of communicable disease cases and outbreaks in educational settings including K-12 schools, childcare centers, youth camps and institutions of higher education. Helps develop and revise guidance documents to be current with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state recommendations. Serves as the backup for emerging viral respiratory pathogens. Provides consultation and technical assistance to local health departments, regional epidemiologists, and surveillance partners and help develop, plan, and conduct statewide surveillance activities for non-influenza respiratory illnesses in New Jersey. Activities include developing data collection tools, designing surveys, analyzing, and summarizing data for inclusion in reports, and reviewing data submissions to CDC. In addition to providing after hours coverage to address inquiries, this individual would help prepare technical manuscripts for publication, surveillance reports for public health partners, reports for including in grants, and presentations for internal and external stakeholders. Establishes and maintains cooperative working relationships with county/local health department personnel, school health partners, and others involved in communicable disease investigation. Develops education and training materials and conducts and/or participates in training and educational programs regarding the prevention and control of communicable diseases. The ideal candidate will be familiar with infection disease transmission and control measures, have experience using Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS), have experience conducting disease and outbreak investigations in various settings, and is knowledgeable in developing communicable disease investigation guidance documents.</p>			
<b>REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)</b>			



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## EDUCATION:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in a discipline appropriate to the position.

## EXPERIENCE:

Three (3) years of full-time experience in a field appropriate to the position.

**NOTE:** A Doctorate in a discipline appropriate to the position may be substituted for two (2) years of experience indicated above.

## LICENSE:

Appointees will be required to possess a valid driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.

### IMPORTANT FILING INSTRUCTIONS

If interested in this position, you can reply in one of two ways:

- Forward the required documents electronically to:  
***PSTEEOH@doh.nj.gov***
- Mail the required documents to:  
**David Sellinger, Regulatory Officer 2  
Epid., Environmental and Occupational Health  
Reference Posting #E236-24  
New Jersey Department of Health  
PO Box 369  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0369**

#### **Required documents:**

- cover letter
- resume
- completed application, found at:  
<http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663.pdf>

*\* Responses received after the closing date MAY be considered if the position is not filled.*



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## IMPORTANT NOTES

**State as a Model Employer  
of People with Disabilities  
(SAME) Applicants:**

If you are applying under the NJ "SAME" program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted along with your resume by the closing date indicated above. For more information on the SAME program, visit their website at:

<https://nj.gov/csc/same/overview/index.shtml>, email: [SAME@csc.nj.gov](mailto:SAME@csc.nj.gov), or call CSC at (833) 691-0404.

**PHEL Candidates:**

If you are a candidate for a position in our Public Health and Environmental Laboratories, you may be subject to pre- and /or post-employment alcohol and drug testing.

**Direct Client Care:**

If you are a candidate for a position that involves direct client care in one of the State facilities/programs, you may be subject to pre- and/or post-employment drug testing/screening. The cost of any pre-employment testing will be at the candidate's expense. Candidates with a positive drug test result, or those who refuse to be tested and/or cooperate with the testing requirement, will not be hired.

**New Jersey  
First Act:**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-7, the "New Jersey First Act", all employees must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you do not live in New Jersey, you have one year after you begin employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey.

**Resume Note:**

Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency prior to the closing date. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility.

**Authorization to Work:**

Selected candidates must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Regulations. The State of New Jersey does **not** provide sponsorships for citizenships to the United States.

Note: Newly hired employees must agree to a thorough background check that will include fingerprinting.

**The New Jersey Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**