



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 Research Scientist 2 [Unclassified]			Salary P28 \$82,643.36 - \$117,769.55
Posting Number E777-23	Position Number 962039	Number of Positions 1	Posting Period * From: 11/01/2023 To: 11/15/2023
Location: Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health Communicable Disease Service 135 E. State Street, 2nd Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: Applicants who Meet the Requirements
GENERAL DESCRIPTION			
<p>Under the direction of the Communicable Disease Service (CDS), NJDOH will hire an Epidemiologist who will be responsible for performing surveillance and research projects in support of COVID-19 prevention and response activities mainly in educational settings (Schools, Childcare Centers and Institutes of Higher Education). The epidemiologist will work closely with the various groups within CDS to identify and research metrics to track the incidence and prevalence of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases throughout the state. This epidemiologist will also assist in the investigation, management, and prevention of COVID-19 and other communicable disease outbreaks in educational settings. This will involve working with various stakeholders throughout the state including local health departments, schools, childcare centers, institutes of higher education, and other agencies. The epidemiologist will design and implement specialized infectious disease research and analytical projects and make best practice recommendations to improve prevention and control measures for managing outbreaks and infectious disease cases in educational settings. The position will also continually assess the training needs of childcare providers, K-12 school nurses/staff, and higher educational institutions as it pertains to COVID-19 and other communicable diseases then design and provide training and education to meet the identified needs. The epidemiologist will also monitor, analyze, and summarize outbreak surveillance data in educational settings and communicate information about educational outbreak trends to CDS staff and external stakeholders. Additionally, the epidemiologist will reviews and analyze COVID-19 and other communicable disease publications and guidance documents in order to initiate new research projects in educational settings that will improve communicable disease management. The epidemiologist may also develop resource tools, technical reports, guidance documents, or new standard operating procedures to improve communicable disease management within CDS.</p>			
REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)			
<p>EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in a discipline appropriate to the position.</p> <p>EXPERIENCE: Three (3) years of full-time experience in a field appropriate to the position.</p> <p>NOTE: A Doctorate in a discipline appropriate to the position may be substituted for two (2) years of experience indicated above.</p> <p>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.</p>			



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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 #E777-23
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, 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.