



# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Department of Health has a career opportunity for qualified candidates for the following position:**

Title <b>Research Scientist 2 [Classified Non-Competitive]</b>			Salary <b>P28 \$79,848.66 - \$113,786.94</b>
Posting Number <b>56-23</b>	Position Number <b>961991</b>	Number of Positions <b>1</b>	Posting Period * From: <b>01/17/2023</b> To: <b>01/31/2023</b>
Location: <b>Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health Communicable Disease Service Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program 135 E. State Street, 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625</b>			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: <b>Applicants who Meet the Requirements</b>

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Veterinary Public Health Program within the Communicable Disease Service (CDS), Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program (IZDP) is seeking a Research Scientist 2 (Zoonotic Disease Epidemiologist) to design and implement surveillance, research, and public health response activities associated with zoonotic pathogens. This position serves as a backup for vector-borne disease pathogens and is part of the Ebola and other viral hemorrhagic fever response team. Responsible for working with local health departments to monitor and investigate suspect rabies cases, provide consultations to healthcare providers and local health departments for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis determinations, and provide educational documents and trainings on response to animal rabies exposures. The zoonotic disease epidemiologist receives information from healthcare providers on rabies post-exposure treatment and provides statistics to monitor animal rabies cases in the state. Monitors epidemiologic and clinical data collected from cases to identify changes in clinical presentation of zoonotic diseases, illness severity and/or populations/groups at risk. Provides consultation and technical assistance to local health departments, regional epidemiologists, surveillance partners and help develop, plan, and conduct statewide surveillance activities for zoonotic illnesses in New Jersey. Collaborates with the Public Health and Environmental Laboratories staff to perform investigations and follow-up on potential laboratory exposures to select agents. Performs outbreak response activities and works with state and federal agencies on zoonotic disease response and prevention. In addition to providing after hours coverage to address inquiries from hospitals, providers, and local health departments. Assists in preparing technical manuscripts for publication, surveillance reports for public health partners, reports for including in grants and presentations for internal and external stakeholders. Develops training materials for disseminating research findings and other relevant information to public health stakeholders, healthcare professionals and the general public.

The ideal candidate will have academic credentials in epidemiology and have a demonstrated knowledge and/or experience in infectious disease surveillance and epidemiology, knowledge of zoonotic diseases, and demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and communicate effectively orally and in writing to diverse audiences.

## REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)

**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 1  
Epid., Environmental and Occupational Health**

### Required documents:

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

- *Newly hired employees must agree to a thorough background check that will include fingerprinting.*
- *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.*
- *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.*
- *In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.*
- *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.*
- **The New Jersey Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
- *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.*