



# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Title <b>Research Scientist 2 (Deputy State Public Health Veterinarian) [Classified Non-Competitive]</b>			Salary <b>P28 \$79,848.66 - \$113,786.94</b>
Posting Number <b>105-23</b>	Position Number <b>653664</b>	Number of Positions <b>1</b>	Posting Period * From: <b>03/23/2023</b> To: <b>04/06/2023</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 Department of Health, Communicable Disease Service has an opportunity for a veterinarian with the necessary education, training, and experience to be the New Jersey Deputy State Public Health Veterinarian.

The selected applicant shall assist the NJ State Public Health Veterinarian with supervising The Office of Veterinary Public Health (VPH). This Office provides technical assistance and training to municipal governments, local health departments and animal facility operators with regard to animal facility inspections, investigations, complaints, violation enforcement and court testimony. VPH approves Animal Control Officer training courses, certifies individuals who have satisfactorily completed the approved training courses and revokes certificates from individuals who commit acts of cruelty or other malfeasance and can no longer work in the capacity of an animal control officer. This unit operates a low-cost spay and neuter program, processes dog licensing revenue, and oversees the State-sponsored rabies vaccination clinic program. The applicant shall assist the State Public Health Veterinarian with management duties of the Zoonotic Unit and manage the Unit when the State Public Health Veterinarian is out of the office.

The applicant shall mobilize when the State Incident Command System activates Emergency Support Function 8 (Public Health and Medical Services), Once mobilized, VPH will assist with temporary housing of dogs, cats, and other domestic animals owned by people who have been evacuated and are displaced from their homes. VPH assists with animal evacuation response groups to establish temporary animal shelters during emergencies and works closely with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture to ensure for the safety of evacuated pets and maintain sanitation in temporary animal shelters to prevent disease transmission.

The applicant will assist the Zoonotic Epidemiologist as assigned by State Public Health Veterinarian with surveillance of, and the response to, zoonotic disease reports and outbreaks. The applicant will assist in education and prevention of rabies, and work with local health departments to investigate potential rabies exposures. If assigned, the applicant shall report findings and collaborate with internal and external partners, complete reports on the incident and prepare reports, posters or presentation for publication on zoonotic disease topics.

The applicant shall assist the Zoonotic Epidemiologist with notifications from New Jersey laboratories regarding isolates of suspected zoonotic select agents, such as brucellosis, burkholderia, and tularemia. The applicant shall follow the established protocols for delivery and testing of select agents and initiate investigations to identify person exposed and make recommendations for prophylaxis, monitoring and surveillance.

The preferred candidate will possess a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree and will have at least one year of supervisory experience, strong interpersonal skills, experience in applied epidemiology, and/or experience working as part of an interdisciplinary team. The ideal candidate will have experience and interest in the field of veterinary shelter medicine, and/or experience in communicable disease prevention and investigation.

## 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 2**  
**Epid., Environmental and Occupational Health**  
**Reference Posting #105-23**  
**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.*

- *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.*
- **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.*