



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Title Research Scientist 2 [Classified Non-Competitive]			Salary P28 \$73,767.82 - \$105,121.57
Posting Number 137-19	Position Number 653664	Number of Positions 1	Posting Period * From: 5/14/2019 To: 5/28/2019
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

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 supervise 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 and Animal Cruelty Investigator 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 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. 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.

Qualifications of the Deputy State Public Health Veterinarian include: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree with at least 2 years of experience in the field of veterinary medicine or animal disease control. The successful candidate 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. A Masters degree in a public health discipline can be substituted for 1 year of experience. Proficiency in statistical analysis programs (e.g., SAS, Excel, Access) and experience with communicable disease investigations is preferred.

REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree.

EXPERIENCE: Two (2) years of full-time experience working as a veterinarian or in a public health capacity.

A Masters Degree in a public health related field can be substituted for 1 year of experience working as a veterinarian.

LICENSE: Appointee shall be eligible for licensure to practice veterinary medicine in New Jersey and will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey.

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:
**Susan Way, Executive Assistant 1
Epid., Environmental and Occupational Health
Reference Posting #137-19
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.***