



# 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>257-23</b>	Position Number <b>961838</b>	Number of Positions <b>1</b>	Posting Period * From: <b>03/27/2023</b> To: <b>04/10/2023</b>
Location: <b>Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health Communicable Disease Service, Vaccine Preventable Disease Program 135 E. State Street, 1st Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625</b>			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: <b>Department of Health Employees</b>

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Under the general supervision of the Deputy Program Manager or other Supervisory Official, this position will design, coordinate, and implement cutting-edge research on immunization statutes, regulations, and policies in consultation with department staff. Apply research findings to specific situations in accordance with established procedures to promote immunization programs and services. Monitor, review and analyze federal guidelines and administrative rules. Conduct research on immunization related topics to keep program leadership and stakeholders abreast of changes in recommendations and to ensure implementation and compliance of new regulations and laws. Review and analyze proposed/existing legislation and administrative procedures and submit recommendations for changes. Use research-guided methods to assist in developing immunization rule proposals and adoption documents. Lead the research study design, coordination, implementation, and analysis of New Jersey's immunization coverage and exemption rates. Monitor, evaluate, and assess statewide and national immunization coverage and exemption rate trends to identify populations at risk, and guide vaccination policy development. Prepare sound, accurate summary reports containing findings, conclusions, and/or recommendations. Serve as VPDP liaison and scientific consultant with internal/external stakeholders.

## 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 #257-23  
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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- *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.*