



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Title Research Scientist 1 [Classified Non-Competitive]			Salary R30 \$82,527.28 - \$117,772.00
Posting Number 271-20	Position Number 952655	Number of Positions 1	Posting Period * From: 09/14/2020 To: 09/28/2020
Location: Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health Infectious & Zoonotic Disease Program 135 E. State Street, 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: Department of Health Employees

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Department of Health, Communicable Disease Service has an opportunity for a Research Scientist 1 with the necessary education, training, and experience to oversee surveillance and epidemiological research and analytical programs for endemic and emerging respiratory virus infections, including influenza, adenoviruses, COVID-19 and MERS. This position independently initiates and coordinates a research or developed program for respiratory viral infections; supervises lower levels of Research Scientists and other technical staff; and reviews, modifies, approves, or disapproves studies proposed to ensure compliance with appropriate research and surveillance methodology and statistical techniques. The Research Scientist 1 manages high level technical projects and reports results to designated officials for inter- and intra-agency response. The Research Scientist 1 will work closely with the various groups within CDS to identify and research metrics to track the incidence and prevalence of respiratory viral infections throughout the state including healthcare facilities, long-term care facilities, schools, and other settings. This position will lead complex projects and make recommendations to develop prevention and control measures. The Research Scientist 1 coordinates with other Divisions to lead emergency preparedness, planning, and response for influenza and emerging respiratory viral pathogens. This position will develop resource tools to assist in researching transmission risk for respiratory pathogens and use the information gained to develop guidance documents with effective control measures. They will also develop tracking tools for interventions put in place to contain or address respiratory virus transmission. The Research Scientist 1 reviews and analyzes publications and other documents pertaining to respiratory viral infection research developments and disseminates information to professional staff. The selected candidate will provide subject matter expertise for respiratory viral infections and provide back-up technical assistance for foodborne illness outbreaks and multistate cluster investigations. The candidate will provide consultation and technical assistance to CDS epidemiologists, local health departments, clinicians, and healthcare facilities on respiratory and foodborne illness surveillance and investigation, and will collaborate with clinicians to ensure access to specialized testing services. The candidate will serve as liaison with state, federal, academic, and other partners and will represent the Department of Health at conferences with outside stakeholders (e.g., CDC, other state agencies, and health departments outside of New Jersey). The candidate will be responsible for grant writing and reporting, preparing budget requests, and will produce technical and research reports, publications, and presentations. NOTE: Preference will be given to candidates who have experience in applied epidemiology and communicable disease surveillance (particularly in respiratory and/or foodborne illness surveillance, investigation, and outbreak response); those who are familiar with NJ public health and healthcare structures/organizations; those who have a Master's degree in Public Health/Epidemiology; and those who have proficiency in statistical analysis (e.g., SAS, Excel).

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: Four (4) 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: Appointee will be required to possess a 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:
Steven Bors, Executive Assistant 4
Epid., Environmental and Occupational Health
Reference Posting #271-20
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.*

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