



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Health received a Civil Service Commission decision on August 26, 2020 approving interim appointments for Unclassified Service positions within the Department of Health for an interim Public Health Recovery Division, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection. This interim division is currently established and is expected to remain operational until December 30, 2025.

Title Research Scientist 3 [Unclassified]			Salary P25 \$69,579.06 - \$98,899.62
Posting Number E8-23	Position Number 962046, 961063	Number of Positions 2	Posting Period * From: 01/06/2023 To: 07/06/2023
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 Infection Control, Healthcare, & Environmental Epidemiology (ICHEE) Section within the Communicable Disease Service (CDS) is hiring two Healthcare-associated Infection (HAI)/Antimicrobial Resistance (AR) Epidemiologist Liaisons (Research Scientist 3). The HAI/AR Epi Liaisons (Research Scientist 3) will be responsible for coordinating healthcare-associated infections and multi-drug resistant organism (MDRO) surveillance, response, and containment activities in healthcare facilities throughout New Jersey such as acute care, long-term care, and outpatient facilities. They will assist to coordinate MDRO surveillance, response, prevention, and containment activities and ensures that case information is accurate, complete and reported in a timely manner. The HAI/AR Epi Liaisons (Research Scientist 3) will analyze data gathered during outbreak investigations using appropriate statistical methods and computer software. They will review the collection and cleaning of data reported by facilities through MDRO and Candida auris case report forms. Lastly, with assistance from subject matter experts, they will provide guidance to CDS, regulatory agencies, local health departments, health care providers, hospitals and others during MDRO outbreaks.

The successful candidate will have the ability to work independently, organize, plan, and manage time effectively to complete assignments. The candidate will have excellent written and verbal communication skills and will have expertise and experience with antimicrobial resistance surveillance data, outbreak investigations, infection control, data analysis, and reporting. The ability to travel on-site to healthcare facilities is preferred. Preference will be given to those candidates who have experience working with the antimicrobial resistance data in healthcare or public health.

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: Two (2) 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 essentials 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
Reference Posting #E8-23
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.*