



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 November 30, 2022.

Title Research Scientist 1 [Unclassified]			Salary R30 \$82,527.28 - \$117,772.00
Posting Number E302-20	Position Number Various	Number of Positions 4	Posting Period * From: 12/23/2020 To: 03/30/2021
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

Under the direction of the Communicable Disease Service (CDS), NJDOH will hire Senior Epidemiologists who will be responsible for overseeing surveillance and epidemiological research for COVID-19 prevention and response activities. Independently initiates and coordinates a research or developed program for COVID-19 response; may supervise 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. Manages high level technical projects and reports results to designated officials for inter- and intra-agency response. These Epidemiologists will work closely with the various groups within CDS to identify and research metrics to track the incidence and prevalence of COVID-19 in various settings throughout the state including healthcare facilities, long-term care facilities, schools, and other settings. They will lead complex COVID-19 projects and make recommendations to develop prevention and control measures. They will develop resource tools to assist in researching transmission risk for COVID-19 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 COVID-19 transmission. They will assist in contact tracing activities when an outbreak or cluster of COVID-19 is identified in various settings throughout the state. Reviews and analyzes all COVID-19 publications and other documents pertaining to current pandemic research developments and disseminates information to research staff.

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 #E302-20
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.

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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.*