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DeKalb PUBLIC HEALTH

We are Accepting Applications for the Following Position:
Epidemiologist 2(10263)

Founded in the 1920s and headquartered in Decatur, GA, the DeKalb Public Health works to protect, promote and improve the health and well-being of all DeKalb County residents.

Our vision is for a healthier DeKalb where all residents have equitable access to public health resources and live healthy lives. If you have a passion for people and are looking to make an impact on the health of the community, we invite you to join our team! For more information about our agency please visit dekalbpublichealth.com.

POSTING DATE: 11/18/2026 **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** 12/18/2026

EXCEPTIONAL BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- 13 Paid Holidays
- 3 Weeks Annual Leave
- 3 Weeks Sick Leave
- Flexible Schedules within our core working hours of M-F 8:15am-5pm
- Pension Plan
- Employer 401K Match
- Payroll Deductible Health Benefits
- Payroll Deductible Flex Benefits
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- Worksite Wellness
- Diverse Workforce
- Opportunities for Growth
- Hybrid teleworking option for eligible positions after probation

LOCATION: **Richardson Health Center**
DIVISION/DEPARTMENT: **Epidemiology**

SALARY INFORMATION: **$66,309.52 Annually / Pay Grade M / Job Code HCP181**

DUTIES: Under general supervision, the Epidemiologist 2 performs intermediate-level professional epidemiologic work with a primary focus on infectious diseases and environmental health-related public health concerns. This position develops, plans, and conducts epidemiologic investigations, public health surveillance activities, and interventions involving notifiable conditions of varying scope and complexity.

The Epidemiologist 2 collects, analyzes, and interprets epidemiologic and statistical data; prepares technical reports; identifies disease trends; and recommends appropriate public health interventions and control measures. Responsibilities include the surveillance, investigation, detection, prevention, and control of communicable and environmentally associated diseases.

This position conducts follow-up investigations involving notifiable conditions, including animal bites and potential rabies exposures, rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), foodborne illness outbreaks, vector-borne illnesses, legionellosis, and other reportable conditions. The role requires substantial communication and coordination with members of the public, healthcare providers, environmental health professionals, community partners, and other public health agencies.

The Epidemiologist 2 works independently on assigned investigations and as an experienced member of the epidemiology team. Additionally, this position provides technical guidance and support to Tier 1 Epidemiologists in public health surveillance, project management, investigative procedures, and epidemiologic analysis.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Epidemiologic Investigations and Disease Surveillance

- Conducts epidemiologic investigations of notifiable diseases and other public health conditions, including infectious diseases with environmental health implications.
- Performs case investigations, contact follow-up, exposure assessments, and disease surveillance activities in accordance with established public health protocols.
- Investigates animal bites, potential rabies exposures, and other incidents requiring rabies risk assessments and coordination of post-exposure prophylaxis.
- Investigates suspected foodborne illness outbreaks and coordinates with environmental health personnel and other agencies to identify potential sources and prevent further transmission.
- Conducts surveillance and investigations involving vector-borne illnesses, legionellosis, and other communicable or environmentally associated diseases.
- Identifies patterns, trends, and potential risk factors associated with disease transmission and environmental exposures.
- Recommends appropriate public health interventions, prevention strategies, and disease control measures.

- Performs other related duties and responsibilities as assigned to support departmental operations and the mission of DeKalb Public Health.

Data Collection, Analysis, and Reporting

- Collects, validates, analyzes, and interprets epidemiologic and statistical data from multiple sources.
- Maintains accurate and timely documentation of investigations, surveillance activities, and case outcomes.
- Prepares epidemiologic summaries, technical reports, presentations, and other written materials to communicate findings and recommendations.
- Monitors disease trends and surveillance indicators to identify emerging public health concerns.
- Utilizes epidemiologic databases, surveillance systems, and statistical software to support investigations and public health decision-making.
- Ensures the accuracy, integrity, and confidentiality of epidemiologic information and case records.

Environmental Health Coordination and Public Health Response

- Collaborates with Environmental Health staff to investigate potential environmental sources of infectious disease exposure.
- Coordinates with healthcare providers, laboratories, animal control agencies, community organizations, and other governmental partners to facilitate investigations and appropriate interventions.
- Participates in identifying environmental and community risk factors associated with communicable disease transmission.
- Supports the development and implementation of prevention strategies and control measures to reduce public health risks.
- Provides timely information and recommendations during disease outbreaks, exposure events, and other public health incidents.

Communication and Community Engagement

- Communicates investigation findings, public health guidance, and prevention recommendations to members of the public and community partners.
- Conducts interviews and obtains relevant exposure and health information from individuals associated with reported cases.
- Prepares clear and accurate written communications, investigation summaries, and public health reports.
- Responds to inquiries from healthcare professionals, community partners, and members of the public regarding assigned communicable disease investigations.
- Maintains professional and effective working relationships with internal departments and external stakeholders.

Technical Guidance and Team Support

- Provides technical guidance and subject matter support to Tier 1 Epidemiologists on surveillance activities, case investigations, and epidemiologic procedures.
- Assists with training and knowledge-sharing related to disease surveillance, investigative protocols, data collection, and analysis.
- Supports project management activities and helps coordinate investigative priorities and team assignments.
- Reviews epidemiologic data and investigative documentation for accuracy and completeness.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree in Public Health or a closely related field from an accredited college or university AND two years of experience performing epidemiologic work or work in a closely related field;
OR
Bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited college or university AND three years of experience performing epidemiologic work or work in a closely related field;
OR
Two years of experience at the lower-level Epidemiologist 1 (HCP180) or an equivalent position.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Educational or professional background in Environmental Health, Environmental Science, Epidemiology, or a closely related discipline.
- Experience conducting infectious disease investigations and communicable disease surveillance.
- Experience investigating foodborne illness outbreaks, animal bites, rabies exposures, vector-borne illnesses, legionellosis, or other reportable conditions.
- Demonstrated competency in epidemiologic data collection, analysis, interpretation, and reporting.
- Experience developing and implementing public health interventions and disease control measures.
- Experience collaborating with environmental health professionals, healthcare providers, laboratories, and community partners.
- Experience providing technical guidance, training, or support to other epidemiology professionals.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of epidemiologic principles, methods, and public health surveillance practices.
- Knowledge of infectious disease transmission, prevention, and control.
- Understanding of environmental health factors that may contribute to infectious disease exposure and transmission.

- Ability to conduct disease investigations, assess exposure risks, and interpret epidemiologic findings.
- Ability to analyze and interpret statistical data and prepare technical reports.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to communicate sensitive public health information professionally and effectively.
- Ability to manage multiple investigations and competing priorities.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a multidisciplinary environment.
- Ability to provide technical guidance and support to less experienced epidemiology staff.
- Proficiency in applicable computer applications, epidemiologic databases, and data analysis tools.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Work is performed in an office and public health setting, with occasional field investigations and community-based activities. The position may require interaction with individuals experiencing communicable diseases, potential environmental exposures, or other public health concerns. Some activities may involve exposure to potentially infectious materials and require adherence to established infection prevention, safety, and confidentiality protocols.

The position may require occasional travel to community locations, healthcare facilities, environmental health sites, and other locations throughout DeKalb County.

BEHAVIORAL COMPETENCIES

- Analytical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Attention to Detail and Data Accuracy
- Effective Communication
- Collaboration and Teamwork
- Initiative and Accountability
- Critical Thinking and Decision-Making
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Customer and Community Service
- Project and Time Management
- Professionalism and Confidentiality

NOTE: Employment with DeKalb Public Health is not complete or official until applicants meet all pre-employment requirements. If this position requires a college degree and you are selected for an interview, you will be required to submit official transcripts to the Human Resources Department prior to any official offer of employment.

Not every applicant will receive an interview and only those selected for an interview will be notified. We have the right to close any position at any time.

Fingerprint Criminal Records Investigation Is Required

ALL APPLICANTS MUST APPLY FOR THIS POSITION & COMPLETE APPLICATION IN: ”Career Opportunities” at **www.dph.georgia.gov**

If you require accommodations under the American Disability Act (ADA), email request by the closing date of this announcement to: Brittany.leslie@dph.ga.gov

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