



Epidemiologist 2-Acute Disease Division of Public Health Epidemiology and State Laboratory

Job Description

The Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Public Health is seeking an Epidemiologist 2 within the Office of Protection and Safety - Acute Diseases Epidemiology Section to oversee surveillance and response for invasive bacterial diseases such as those caused by *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, Group A *Streptococcus*, Group B *Streptococcus*, and antibiotic-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA, VISA, VRSA). These pathogens often present as pneumonia, meningitis or severe sepsis, and overlap with syndromes caused by agents of bioterrorism.

Under general supervision by a medical epidemiologist, the incumbent will oversee statewide surveillance, epidemiologic investigations, and interventions for the above diseases; studies, adapts and improves Georgia's surveillance systems for the designated pathogens to enhance usefulness; oversees collection of, and regularly analyzes surveillance data, and prepares epidemiologic reports for publication on the Division of Public Health website and the Georgia Epidemiology Report; serves as a technical expert in assigned area(s), providing training, technical assistance, and consultative services to colleagues and local health departments; and may supervise epidemiologists and other staff. The position will participate in and supports general notifiable disease surveillance and outbreak investigations, and epidemiologic studies under the guidance of senior epidemiologists. This includes being prepared to investigate clusters of a very large scope or of novel agents, including bioterrorism agents. The position will also facilitate communications within the Section and the Division, with Health Districts, County Health Departments, healthcare providers, and other partners; and provide consultation and technical assistance to federal, state, and local offices, private and public organizations, and other agencies as directed.

Qualifications

Completion of a Masters degree in Public Health or a closely related field and two years of experience performing epidemiologic work or work in a closely related field

OR Completion of a Bachelors degree AND three years of experience performing epidemiologic work or work in a closely related field

Preferred Qualifications

- Master's of Public Health degree specializing in epidemiology or biostatistics.
- Work experience in public health surveillance
- Demonstrated ability and knowledge of infectious diseases epidemiology
- Proficiency with data analysis software and database tools (SAS, EpiInfo, SPSS, Excel, Access)
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Benefits

In addition to a competitive salary, **(\$48,000)** the Department of Community Health offers employee benefits such as paid time off, a retirement plan, and a number of choices for healthcare coverage. For general information about benefits go to: <https://www.careers.ga.gov/careersBenefits.asp>. For information on the retirement plan go to: www.ersga.org.

Area Information

This position is located in downtown [Atlanta](#).

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Candidates for this position may be subject to employment drug testing and criminal background check.

This position is subject to closing at anytime once a satisfactory applicant pool has been identified by the hiring authority.