



## Vaccine-Preventable Disease Epidemiologist Division of Public Health Epidemiology and State Laboratory

### Job Description

The Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Public Health, is seeking candidates for the position of Vaccine-Preventable Disease Epidemiologist within the Office of Protection and Safety – Acute Disease Epidemiology.

Under general supervision, the incumbent will have the primary responsibility of serving as the lead epidemiologist for the surveillance of the following vaccine preventable diseases: measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, and varicella. In addition, the duties performed by this position are critical to the detection, investigation, and control of vaccine preventable disease outbreaks in Georgia. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- o Provides support to District Epidemiologists and health care providers in the area of vaccine-preventable disease surveillance, prevention, and control
- o Participates and provides epidemiologic support to any formal program evaluation projects conducted by the Georgia Immunization Program
- o Performs epidemiologic data analyses for vaccine-preventable diseases in Georgia to identify trends and the need for control measures or other interventions
- o Conducts vaccine-preventable outbreak investigations and epidemiologic studies under the guidance of medical epidemiologists
- o Ensures that appropriate district and local public health officials are informed of potential vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks or cases identified within their jurisdiction. Offers consultation and assistance for proper follow-up
- o Designs, implements and maintains disease surveillance systems
- o Develops policies and procedures for new and existing disease control programs
- o Performs various duties in support of section operations
- o Creates and maintains a high performance environment characterized by positive leadership and a strong team orientation
- o Maintains knowledge of current trends and developments in the field by reading appropriate books, journals, and other literature and attending related seminars and conferences. Applies pertinent new knowledge to performance of other job responsibilities.

The Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPD) Epidemiology Unit in the Acute Disease Epidemiology Section has primary responsibility for conducting vaccine-preventable disease surveillance and outbreak response in Georgia. This Unit also provides extensive epidemiologic support for the Georgia Immunization Program, by performing data analyses to determine vaccine coverage rates in Georgia and analyzing vaccine-preventable disease data in Georgia to identify trends and the need for control measures or other interventions. This epidemiologic support is critical in informing and prioritizing Georgia Immunization Program activities to most effectively target limited resources to areas of greatest need.

## 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 in epidemiology or biostatistics.

Significant experience in applied epidemiology, including skills with statistical programs such as SAS

Significant experience in notifiable disease surveillance epidemiology

Significant experience in vaccine-preventable disease epidemiology

Experience in writing grant applications or RFPs

Experience working in state or local public health departments

An earned doctorate in public health and/or related field of study and five (5) years of demonstrated management or leadership experience.

## 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](http://www.ersga.org).

## Area Information

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## Applying for this job

Please email your cover letter and resume in **Microsoft Word** format to: [willis@dhrrjobs.com](mailto:willis@dhrrjobs.com)

To ensure proper routing/handling of your credentials, **copy/paste** or **type** the following as your email subject:  
**[Epidemiologist 2-173849](#)**

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