

NYSDOH- Emerging Infections Program

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Project description: Emerging Infections Program (EIP) is a grant-funded program that performs active, laboratory and population-based surveillance for a variety of communicable diseases including foodborne and invasive pathogens through a collaboration with various Public Health partners including CDC, NYSDOH, Local Health Departments, Laboratories and academic partners such as University of Rochester's Center for Community Health. NYS is one of ten EIP sites that participates and performs surveillance in 34 counties in the state with 17 counties each in the Western Region (WR) and Capital district areas.

Project goals/objectives: To perform surveillance activities to help identify all EIP cases and obtain necessary data for complete case reporting to NYS and CDC resulting in improving, informing and promoting the health of populations, both locally and nationally.

Description of activities/functions of MPH student: Student will assist with EIP core surveillance activities and special studies and projects in the WR and be working out of the Buffalo office location. After orientation and training the student will assist with activities such as case report form edits, assisting with some medical record chart reviews, completing database entry of the collected information, following up with laboratories for specimen isolates and case interviews for special studies. The student will also assist with other NYSEIP activities as time allows.

Project timeline (anticipated start and end dates): Starting on or around October 2, 2017 through May 2018 and could be extended if additional funding is available.

Qualifications/professional skills required: Student should be currently enrolled or be a graduate of a MPH program or similar discipline. Individual should have strong organizational skills and ability to interact and communicate with colleagues and outside agencies in a professional manner. It will be very important for this individual to appropriately handle and be comfortable with confidential medical information, including patient identifying information. Individual should be proficient with basic office and computer skills, including using email and MS office programs such as Excel and Access.

Preferred Qualifications: EIP staff will provide basic education and orientation for the select communicable diseases and guidance for interpretation of laboratory reports and results that will be needed to perform the required activities, however if individual has had some basic Microbiology study or experience this would be a plus.

Software application proficiency requirements: Microsoft office; Excel, Word, Outlook

Anticipated hours per week: Twenty hours per week

Pay rate: \$15/hour

Is travel required? Rarely

If travel is required, will student need to provide his/her own transportation? Yes

If travel is required, will student be reimbursed for travel expenses associated with their assignment(s)? Yes

How to apply: Please email resumes with a cover letter to Glenda Smith at glenda.smith@health.ny.gov