

DISEASE CONTROL SPECIALIST II

NATURE AND VARIETY OF WORK

This is professional, full-performance level, investigative work performed in order to identify, control and/or prevent the occurrence of communicable/infectious disease in the County. Subject to extensive public contact, incumbents perform the full range of investigative work in order to attain compliance with applicable programmatic public health regulations, standards and laws. Field/office work is performed independently within the framework of established standard operating procedures under the general supervision of a higher level Disease Control Specialist. Work performance is evaluated in terms of quality, quantity and conformance with established guidelines, procedures, and regulations.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

Performs full performance professional communicable disease investigative work relating to communicable/infectious diseases.

Provides primary prevention to reduce the incidence of communicable disease through vaccination efforts, and dissemination of educational information.

Provides secondary prevention efforts to decrease the prevalence of known or suspected infectious disease.

Interviews cases of persons and/or animal illness involving known or suspected infectious disease.

Identifies contacts to reduce their risk of disease and transmission.

Disrupts the chain of disease transmission by providing or referring cases for appropriate treatment.

Engages in outbreak investigations; collects and calculates information on incubation period, type and duration of symptoms and demographic variables.

Obtains and transports possibly rabid animals and human specimens of blood, urine, stool, etc. for laboratory analysis.

Maintains registries and conducts surveys which provide indices of morbidity and mortality.

Documents investigations utilizing appropriate and required forms.

Prioritizes individual case loads to ensure adequate and timely disease prevention and intervention.

Coordinates with other agencies of the Health Department, state and local agencies and the private medical community of Prince George's County during the course of a disease investigation.

Monitors medical/behavioral compliance of persons who are chronic carriers of infectious diseases.

Participates in special projects as assigned.

Represents the Health Department to persons with whom contact is made during the course of an investigation.

Sets up and provides support for clinics for screening and immunizations.

Participates on the Emergency Response Team according to established Health Department guidelines.

May be required to use automated equipment in conjunction with assigned duties and responsibilities.

Willingly and cooperatively performs tasks and duties which may not be specifically listed in the class specification or position description, but which are within the general occupational category and responsibility level typically associated with the employee's class of work.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of the principles of public health and methods of controlling communicable/infectious disease.

Knowledge of interviewing and investigative techniques associated with the control of communicable disease.

Ability to express ideas clearly and concisely both orally and in writing.

Ability to prepare, evaluate and interpret epidemiological and statistical data pertaining to the control of disease.

Ability to prepare and present recommendations, reports and related investigative work products that reflect the objectives of the Health Department.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with officials, employees, and the general public.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university, with a major in or a minimum of thirty (30) semester credits in one of the biological, physical and/or social sciences, plus one (1) year of professional experience in Public Health investigative work; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Candidates may be given a medical examination to determine suitability for job performance.

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