

Job Description

Job Title: Epidemiologist II

Job Code: 903222

Job Family: Direct Care

Pay Grade: JC.17.18

FLSA: Exempt

EEO: Professional

Department/Agency: Countywide

Position Number(s): Multiple

Recommended Position Title(s): Epidemiologist II

The following Core Competencies apply to everyone and are essential to all County jobs:

- **Accountability** – Follows-up on and meets commitments, takes ownership for work, and possesses a strong ability to stay focused on individual, department, and County results.
- **Communication** – Clearly and effectively expresses ideas and thoughts (verbally and in writing); listens actively.
- **Customer Focus & Public Relations** – Builds positive internal and external customer relationships; is committed to customer satisfaction; assumes responsibility for solving customer problems and ensures commitments to customers are met.
- **Initiative** – Independently acts to resolve problems and provide solutions; seeks out new responsibilities; generates new ideas; practices self-development.
- **Safety** – Understands and supports safety standards as required by the job; keeps the workplace clean and safe.
- **Teamwork**– Encourages and facilitates cooperation, pride, and trust among the team; fosters commitment and team spirit; works cooperatively with others to achieve overall goals.

Essential Duties:

- Plans and conducts Epidemiologic assessments and analysis by identifying public health and environmental problems pertinent to the population; conducts surveillance activities to investigate acute and chronic conditions or other adverse outcomes in the population; manages data from surveillance, investigations, or other sources; analyzes data from an epidemiologic investigation or study; summarizes results of the analysis and draw conclusions; recommends evidence-based interventions and control measures in response to epidemiologic findings and evaluate programs.
- Prepares written and oral reports and presentations that demonstrate the basic principles of risk for communicating necessary information to professional audiences, policy makers, and the general public.
- Provides epidemiologic input into epidemiologic studies, public health and environmental programs, and community public health and environmental health planning processes at the state, local, or tribal level; and participates in development of community partnerships to support epidemiologic investigations.
- Establishes relationships with groups of special concern (e.g., disadvantaged or minority groups, groups subject to health disparities, historically underrepresented groups); designs surveillance systems to include groups subject to health disparities or other potentially underrepresented groups; conducts investigations using languages and approaches tailored to the population; and recommends public health actions that would be relevant to the affected community.
- Supports the epidemiologic perspective in the agency strategic planning process by promoting the organization's vision in all programs and activities; uses performance measures to evaluate and improve epidemiology program effectiveness to assist with promoting ethical conduct in epidemiologic practice and workforce development; prepares for emergency response and fosters collaborations, strong partnerships, and team-building to accomplish epidemiology program objectives.
- Coordinates state program planning efforts with respect to surveillance and other epidemiologic data and evaluation and develops and conducts training for local staff in the conduct of investigation and appropriate methods of controlling disease and preventing injuries.
- Provides technical leadership and guidance and coordinate work of Epidemiologist I.

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Supervisory Responsibilities:

- Yes No This position is also responsible for the supervision and leadership of employees, which includes making employment-related decisions and/or recommendations, and formally evaluating performance.

Duties and responsibilities, as required by business necessity may be added, deleted or changed at any time at the discretion of management, formally or informally, either verbally or in writing. Scheduling and shift assignments and work location may be changed at any time, as required by business necessity.

Minimum Job Requirements:

A Master's degree in public health (MPH) or a master's of science degree in public health (MSPH) with a focus in epidemiology or analysis and assessment or other non-epidemiology graduate degree or certification (e.g., RN, RS) with specific epidemiology training (e.g., MPH degree, CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service or CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship) or related field and two (2) years' experience in epidemiology and communicable diseases in a public health or related setting are required. May require KS/MO driver's license, depending on department or agency.

Johnson County Government requires reference/background screening for all positions. Specified criteria may vary by Department/Agency.

Preferred Job Requirements:

Doctorate degree in Epidemiology or Other non-epidemiology graduate degree or certification (e.g., MD/DO, DDS/DMD, DVM, PhD) with specific epidemiology training and one (1) year of experience in communicable disease and/or environmental health focus in a public health or related setting are preferred.

Education/Experience Substitutions:

- Yes No Experience may be substituted for degree.
- Yes No Education may be substituted for experience.

Physical, Environmental, and Special Working Conditions:

All County employees may be called upon to assist other departments/agencies in a declared emergency situation.