

Vacancy Announcement

Physician Specialist — Healthcare Outreach Unit Supervisor

The Los Angeles County (LAC) Department of Public Health is seeking candidates to fill this vacancy in the Acute Communicable Disease Control Program (ACDC). LAC is one of the largest local jurisdictions in the US and receives direct funding from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). The County encompasses a wide geographic area including mountain ranges, arid deserts, and over 80 miles of ocean coastline. There is also extensive population diversity within the county with a high level of immigration and foreign travel. LAC is home to approximately 100 hospitals, more than 30,000 licensed physicians, over 450 sub-acute healthcare facilities, and about 25,000 retail food purveyors. With approximately 80 staff, ACDC leads the surveillance and investigation of communicable diseases, other than tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. ACDC frequently provides consultation to the medical community on issues of communicable and infectious diseases and offers professional training.

POSITION SUMMARY:

This position oversees the Healthcare Outreach Unit which is responsible for healthcare associated infections and antimicrobial resistant diseases, collaborates with hospitals, outpatient facilities and other healthcare settings, and has the potential to expand to other areas of communicable diseases.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Supervises the Hospital Outreach Unit (8 public health nurses, 6 epidemiologists, one physician consultant) with outreach to approximately 100 acute care hospitals and other health facilities.
- Oversees outpatient outbreak investigations and other outbreaks as needed.
- Manages surveillance of healthcare associated infections and of other communicable diseases (e.g. coccidioidomycosis, legionellosis, carbapenem resistant Enterobacteriaceae).
- Performs telephone duty during normal work hours and after hours as Administrative Officer of the Day (AOD), providing public health and treatment advice to community healthcare providers.
- Participates on local, state, and national committees (i.e. California Department of Public Health Healthcare Associated Infection [HAI] Advisory Committee, Los Angeles County HAI-Antimicrobial Resistance Committee, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists [CSTE] Healthcare Associated Infections subcommittee, California Association of Communicable Disease Controllers, Association for Professionals in Infection Control local chapters, National Association of County and City Health Officers).
- Supervises/mentors trainees such as a Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists fellow, resident physicians, and other students.
- Presents as a subject matter expert at local, state, and national conferences and meetings; Prepares local, state, and national guidelines; conducts research and writes reports and publications; and proposes and drafts legislative policies and analyses.
- Prepares grants including applications and reports.



- Responds to media requests and writes press releases.
- Responds to Board requests and writes board memos.
- Participates as an emergency worker and part of incident command including trainings, drills, and real situations.

Los Angeles county offers its employees a comprehensive and competitive benefits package. Starting salary for the position is dependent on specialty, experience, and previous salary.

Note - this is not a bulletin for a Civil Service Examination.

For more information about this position, please contact
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To apply

Submit a cover letter and resume to the address below AND fill out the Physician Specialist application at
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lacounty/jobs/1216849/physician-specialist-non-megaflex-various-specialties>

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Note that the online application is for physicians filling various positions in the Health Agency but does not include information specific to this position.

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