

COVID-19 Response Consultant

Hours: 40 hours/week

Start date: July 2020

Pay: \$26.59 to \$35.73 per hour

Benefits: health insurance, vacation, holiday, and sick leave (health benefits)

Application deadline: Open until filled

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Washington State Department of Health is currently recruiting 8 positions to join the Yakima Health District COVID-19 Response Team. This position will directly assist the Yakima Health District in support for the public health response to COVID-19. Duties will support work in the following key areas:

Long-term care facilities

- Onsite visits with LTC facilities for infection control guidance
- Assess PPE needs and ensure adequate supply
- Monitor LTC outbreaks
- Maintain list of positive and negative cases within LTC facilities
- Coordinate weekly testing of all previously negative staff and residents

H2A Housing

- Onsite visits with infection control guidance to all the H2A housing
- Monitor for cluster and outbreaks using data from VMM and WDRS
- Coordinate testing for cluster and/outbreaks

Warehouses and other businesses

- Onsite visits with infection control guidance to warehouses and other businesses experiencing cases higher than the community prevalence rate.
- Coordinate testing of clusters and outbreaks identified in businesses
- Manage data from WDRS to identify high numbers of cases within certain employers
- Respond to businesses that call for recommendations when they have positive staff or for prevention measures

Other activities

- Assist with self-collected nasal swabs for testing in identified clusters/outbreaks

- Assist with data entry clean up in WDRS for better data
- Assist with outreach to the communities for education
- Contact patients with positive test results to identify employer for early detection of clusters/outbreaks and notify negative results to those that are negative
- Maintain quick sheet for update guidance for healthcare, long-term care, and assisted living facilities as these are changing frequently
- Assist in other outbreaks as necessary

WORKING CONDITIONS

- **Worksite:** Yakima, WA
- **Hours:** 40 hours/week. Expect increased workload during COVID-19 outbreak scenarios.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A Bachelor's degree or higher **AND/OR** demonstrable experience providing and/or administering public health programs and/or services, at the state or local level
- Keen and demonstrable interest in communicable diseases
- Excellent ability to communicate in clear, professional, and friendly manner over the phone, including adeptness in speaking with people of diverse backgrounds
 - Desired: experience in interviewing, patient interaction, or other customer service
 - Fluency in Spanish or other languages desirable but not required
- Willingness to adjust to sometimes fast-paced work environment, changing priorities, and evolving work expectations

NOTE: This is a temporary, non-permanent Health Services Consultant 3 position. This position does provide health insurance.

TO APPLY:

Interested candidates should submit cover letter and resume to Alexyss Miner at alexys.miner@doh.wa.gov.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Miner by email or phone (360-236-4202) with any questions about this position.