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

• **Worksight:** 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
  o Desired: experience in interviewing, patient interaction, or other customer service
  o 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 alexyss.miner@doh.wa.gov.

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