

EPIDEMIOLOGIST I
DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY

REQUIREMENTS:

A Master's degree in epidemiology, public health, biology, physical, behavioral, natural, or veterinary sciences from an accredited college or university or graduation from an accredited school of nursing with state licensure AND three years of full-time or equivalent part-time paid experience in conducting epidemiology.

SUBSTITUTION:

Bachelor's degree in biology, physical, behavioral, or natural sciences from an accredited college or university, AND two years of full-time or equivalent part-time paid experience in conducting epidemiology including disease investigation, risk assessment or environmental training. For arboviral entomologist: training – Master's degree from an accredited college or university in entomology or biology. Experience – one year of full-time or equivalent part-time paid experience in entomology.

NATURE OF WORK:

This position oversees influenza surveillance, including drafting protocols, managing influenza data, securing data from vital records and the West Virginia Health Care Authority on an annual basis to track influenza deaths and hospitalizations, coordinating epidemiological planning for influenza pandemics and avian influenza, assisting with 24/7/365 consultation and outbreak and emergency response. Influenza data is compiled, analyzed, and posted weekly during flu season and an annual report is generated to document the health impact of influenza on the citizens of West Virginia.

Other duties include but are not limited to: conducts special epidemiological studies of the health burden of influenza, as needed; trains stakeholders on reporting, identifying barriers to reporting, and other topics dealing with influenza; covers epidemiological outbreaks in rotation with other program epidemiologists with occasional work on evening, weekends, and holidays; develops standard operating procedures, protocols, investigation forms and detailed reports. Both in-state and out-of-state travel is required.

SALARY: \$35,028 to 64,812

Questions should be directed to Loretta E. Haddy, PhD, West Virginia State Epidemiologist at (304) 558-5358 or email at Loretta.E.Haddy@wv.gov. Interested persons are encouraged to apply online at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/wv/default.cfm> by following the directions for Online Application.