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**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

<b>Job Title:</b> Territorial Epidemiologist		<b>Posting Date:</b> February 10, 2025	<b>Serial No.:</b> 026-25
<b>Department/Division:</b> Department of Health		<b>Closing Date:</b> February 14, 2025	<b>Announcement No.:</b> 026-25
<b>Type of Position:</b> Temporary Appointment	<b>Posting Type:</b> Employment Opportunity/ In-House	<b>Pay Grade and Salary Range:</b> GS-15/\$21,715 - \$62,275p.a.	

**General Description:**

Epidemiology is considered the key scientific support of public health practice. The Territorial Epidemiologist is a senior public health official responsible for studying and managing the spread and control of diseases within a population. Their role involves monitoring and analyzing patterns of disease occurrence, investigating outbreaks, designing and implementing preventive measures, and provide expert advice on public health policies.

**Key Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Investigate and discover factors that affect health.
- Determine the importance of cause of disease and disability, and death to establish priorities of policy and action.
- Identify populations that have the greatest risk from specific causes of disease and evaluate the effectiveness of health programs in Improving the health of a population.
- Disease Surveillance; Overseeing and managing systems for monitoring the occurrence and distribution of diseases. This includes collecting, analyzing, and interpreting epidemiological data to identify trends, patterns, and potential risk factors.
- Oversee public health Epidemiology activities, including statistical analysis, developing data products to inform decision making, surveillance systems, and public health improvement.
- Lead epidemiology and surveillance activities for gathering, analyzing, and disseminating population health data to inform, prioritize, and monitor the delivery of intentions in infectious disease prevention and mitigating.
- Outbreak Investigation; Leading Investigations into disease outbreaks or clusters to determine the source, mode of transmission, and appropriate control measures. This

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involves collaborating with other public health officials, healthcare providers, and laboratories.

- Research and Data Analysis; Conducting or coordinating research studies to identify risk factors, assess the effectiveness of interventions, and contribute to the scientific knowledge base. Analyzing data from various source to inform public health decision-making.
- Policy Development; Providing expert advice and recommendations to policymakers based on epidemiological findings. Contributing to the development of public health policies, guidelines, and interventions aimed at preventing and controlling diseases.
- Public Health Education; Communicating epidemiological findings and public health recommendations to various stakeholders, including the general public, healthcare professionals, and government officials. Participating in public health campaigns and initiatives to promote disease prevention and healthy behaviors.
- Write reports and summaries: Detailing data collection and analysis; Identifying areas for program improvement, programming gaps, and areas or groups disproportionately affected by infectious disease; and communicating the effectiveness and impact of program interventions.
- Provide expert advice on current health related trends within Am. Samoa and throughout the Pacific Region.
- Plan, administer and evaluate health data for program to improve public health, conferring with health department, industry personnel, physicians and others.
- Assist in local capacity building efforts by directly providing technical training for public health personnel, or through partnership with external partners such as ASCC, DOE, and PIHOA.
- Provide expertise in the design, management and evaluation of study protocols and health status questionnaires, sample selection and analysis.
- Provide supervision for Epi and surveillance staff, to include Epi Techs, data and analysts, disease investigators, contact tracers, etc.
- Assist in local capacity building efforts by directly providing technical training for public health personnel, or through partnership with external partners such as ASCC, DOE, and PIHOA.
- Identify and explore opportunities for data acquisition and analysis for grant measures and outcomes for which current data systems or source do not exist.
- Develop and maintain collaborative and effective relationships with internal and external epidemiology, surveillance, and program partners that will assist in achieving grant goals and objectives and monitoring the reach and impact of grant activities.
- Emergency Response; Playing a critical role in emergency preparedness and response activities, such as developing response plans, mobilizing resources, and coordinating surveillance and containment measures during disease outbreaks or public health emergencies.
- Capacity Building; Providing training, mentorship, and guidance to other epidemiologist, public health professionals, and healthcare providers. Building the capacity of the public health workforce epidemiological surveillance, data analysis, and outbreak response.
- Collaborate with State Actions for Prevention grant evaluator to assure alignment of epidemiology/surveillance and evaluation activities, and assist in the development of the grants evaluation plan subsequent evaluation activities.

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- Utilize data to assist in monitoring grant and program activities to aid in successful achievement of program objectives and goals.
- Participate in activities aimed at revising, implementing, and evaluating and relevant state plans and/or strategic plans related to disease and prevention.
- Conduct research to develop methodologies, instrumentation and procedures for medical application, analyzing data and presenting findings.
- Develop and prepare program related materials required.
- Observes safety and security procedures; determines appropriate action beyond guidelines; reports potentially hazardous conditions; uses equipment and work materials properly.
- Perform other job related duties as assigned.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Ability:**

- Ability to relate effectively to public health community needs.
- Ability to operate a vehicle with a valid American Samoa driver's license.
- Familiarity with the health problem in the Region.
- Ability to work independently in an effective manner.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Must be able to work flexible hours in emergency situations.
- Ability to work as a team player.
- Demonstrated knowledge, competency, and professional skills on the public health aspects of disease control, epidemic and pandemic preparedness, and response.
- Ability to process, analyze and interpret epidemiological and event-based surveillance data for epidemic and pandemic risk assessment.

**Academic and Experience Requirements:**

- Applicant must have an master degree plus (4) years of relevant experience, (2) years of supervisory capacity, OR bachelor degree from an accredited university or college plus five (5) years, (3) years of supervisory capacity.
- Years of progressively responsible working experience may be substituted for a portion of the academic requirement.
- Salary will be adjusted according to experience.

**Complete information concerning this vacancy may be obtained from the Personnel Division of the Department of Human Resources, or please contact the Recruitment unit at 633-4485/633-4000.**

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