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Chief Public Health Epidemiologist – Permanent Full Time

Ministry of Health

Location: Saskatchewan

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About the Ministry

The [Ministry of Health](#) is committed to a health system that puts patients first by providing better health, better care, better value, and better teams for Saskatchewan people. The Ministry is committed to excellence and innovation, to upholding a constructive workplace culture, and to serving the people of Saskatchewan.

The Opportunity

The Population Health Branch in the Ministry of Health has an exciting opportunity for a collaborative and results oriented leader to join our team as the Chief Public Health Epidemiologist. As a key member of the leadership team in the Population Health Branch, you will be a primary advisor within the branch as well as to the Ministry of Health and the Minister of Health on matters of surveillance and epidemiology of infectious diseases, chronic diseases, injury, and environmental health concerns. In collaboration with key stakeholders and health system partners, you will lead the development and oversight of epidemiological strategies that will support population-based health promotion, disease prevention and health protection. You will provide leadership on matters related to public health epidemiology for Saskatchewan.

As the primary advisor to the Population Health Branch, you will:

- Provide leadership on matters related to public health epidemiology for the province of Saskatchewan;
- Serve as the subject-matter expert in surveillance and epidemiology of infectious diseases, chronic diseases, injury, and environmental health concerns;
- Provide advice and recommendations to the Ministry and Health Minister;
- Lead the development and implementation of epidemiological strategies that support population-based health promotion, disease prevention and health protection;
- Report information on the health status of Saskatchewan residents;
- Provide strategic oversight for the Population Health Branch surveillance and epidemiology activities;
- Collaborate with internal and external experts in order to provide provincial epidemiological perspectives;
- Provide technical support in the investigation of disease clusters and outbreaks;
- Interpret and communicate findings to inform public health interventions;
- Inform the evidence-base for public health initiatives; and
- Represent Saskatchewan on relevant national committees including Federal/Provincial/Territorial expert groups in the disease surveillance and prevention area

The Ideal Candidate

As our ideal candidate you will be a proactive, detail oriented, diplomatic, organized and flexible. You be familiar with public policy development; government planning and decision making processes, and will demonstrate:

- Expert knowledge and demonstrated abilities for public health epidemiology;
- Expert knowledge of the broad principles and practices of public health;
- Expert knowledge of the public health system and its application to public health epidemiology;
- Leadership in epidemiological investigations/research and publication of reports; and,
- Ability to work collaboratively with public health officials, epidemiologists and agencies involved in public health surveillance and information.

Typically, the knowledge and experience required to achieve the above is obtained through:

- A medical degree with a PhD in epidemiology, or an undergraduate degree in any of the health sciences with a graduate degree, preferably a PhD, in epidemiology and biostatistics;
- Significant and progressive work experience in the public health system, including public health epidemiology; and
- An equivalent combination of relevant education, training, and experience may also be considered.

What We Offer

The Government of Saskatchewan provides an environment that is committed to workplace diversity and upholds deep rooted values of Respect and Integrity, Serving Citizens, Excellence and Innovation, and Acting as One Team.

The Saskatchewan public service offers an attractive compensation package that includes competitive salary; comprehensive health and dental benefits; and pension plan.

Closing Date: November 22, 2021

Competition Number: HEA001383

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