



BC Centre for Disease Control
Provincial Health Services Authority



Public Health Physician, Immunization Programs and Vaccine Preventable Disease Services (IPVPDS) - BC Centre for Disease Control

Labor Agreement

Requisition #

Work Site

Job Type

FTE

Hours of Work

Work Days

Expiry date

PH_Physician-2421861

655 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver BC, V5Z 4R4

Regular, Full-Time

1.00

0830 – 1630

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

06-Nov-2024

Job Description

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The Public Health Physician provides medical leadership within the Public Health Response team and works in close collaboration with both the Senior Practice Leader of Respiratory Viral Surveillance. Reporting to the Medical Director, Immunization Programs and Vaccine Preventable Disease Services (IPVPDS), the Public Health Physician is responsible for providing medical expertise and medical leadership for provincial respiratory influenza, RSV, and COVID-19) along with for emerging respiratory infection preparedness and response. The Public Health Physician supports investigation and management, program and policy analysis to make informed recommendations around communicable disease control, provides consultation services to address gaps in knowledge relating to communicable diseases, and helps to strengthen provincial public health network public health issues and public health emergency management more broadly.

The Public Health Physician consults, partners, and collaborates with communities, Regional Health Authorities, First Nations Health Authority, Office of the Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health and other provincial ministries and partners to identify and address public health issues and supports activities that uphold the rights of Indigenous Peoples, eliminates anti-Indigenous racism, and advances reconciliation as well as BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) and the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) initiatives to promote a culture of respect and

Specific Accountabilities

- Provides epidemiologic expertise and communicable disease consultation to Medical Health Officers, the Provincial Health Officer and Health. This includes consultation on the management of communicable disease exposures in individuals and investigation and management including population-based measures to prevent and control communicable diseases.
- Monitors, interprets and recommends actions based on surveillance data for selected communicable diseases from amongst nosocomial, preventable, respiratory-borne, enteric, zoonotic, bloodborne and other diseases of public health concern as assigned within the department. This position will have special emphasis on nosocomial, vaccine-preventable and/or respiratory-borne diseases, but as flexible and may change with the needs identified within the department. Special surveillance initiatives will be undertaken. Provides expert process of surveillance and participates in the development of surveillance systems and programs.
- Assists with high profile communications aspects for rapid dispersion of information to the public, physicians, public health workers, MHO. This includes preparation of briefing notes, Ministers letters, telephone, electronic, written and face to face consultation to public health other BCCDC and Ministry of Health personnel. Includes providing interviews with all forms of media on related issues.
- Prepares reports on communicable disease epidemiology or control for publication.
- Provides advice/liaison on epidemiological matters with local, provincial, national health care, education and other organizations.
- Provides medical consultation, background rationale (including literature review and synthesis) for program and policy recommendation and based on feedback, develops communicable disease control policies for select diseases.
- Assists in the development of budget proposals in support of recommended program or policy changes.
- Participates in relevant public health research (including the spectrum ranging from emerging issues to evaluative studies) of select diseases.
- Co-ordinates inter-jurisdictional outbreak investigations and management of select diseases. Liaises with provincial, national and international as required. Develops outbreak control proposals for rapid Ministerial funding where necessary. Develops information materials and media spokesperson.
- Assists in the development of communicable disease educational materials for public health field personnel and the public.
- Attends meetings and conferences as required as an expert representative and/or member of the division and BCCDC. Participates in workgroups at the local, provincial and national levels related to communicable disease control activities.
- Provides on call service during the day and evenings as scheduled by rota.

Qualifications

- Doctor of Medicine (MD) from a recognized university
- Post graduate degree in Epidemiology or Public Health
- Fellowship from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (FRCPC) in 1) Community Medicine or 2) Internal Medicine Infectious Disease training, or 3) Medical Microbiology
- Registration or eligible for registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia
- Excellent computer skills, including proficiency with word processing, statistical and analytical software.
- Proficiency in clinical medicine
- Excellent communication skills, including public speaking and public relations.
- Ability to supervise clinical and administrative staff.
- Ability to work well in interdisciplinary teams.

- Effective interpersonal skills, mature judgement and flexibility.
- A minimum of one years experience in public health with responsibility for communicable disease control.
- Experience as a Medical Health Officer, communicable Disease Epidemiologist, Infection Control Practitioner or Federal Field Epidemiologist.
- Ability and experience in designing, implementing, and conducting studies, their interpretation, written reporting and publication. Demo secure grant funding in support of research initiatives also considered an asset.

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Applications, accompanied by a cover letter, detailed curriculum vitae should be directed to Health Match BC at:

<https://applicants.healthmatchbc.org/JobBoard/HMBC/HMBCVacancies.aspx?VacancyId=63800&SearchPage=0&SearchItemIndex=4&RegionId=&ProfessionId=1&SpecialtyId=114&SubSpecialtyId=0&PositionTypeIds=>

For further questions regarding the application process please direct to:

Heather Finn

Advisor, Talent Acquisition – Clinical Services

Email: physicianrecruitment@phsa.ca

About Provincial Health Services Authority

The [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) (BCCDC) is dedicated to preventing and controlling communicable diseases and promoting environmental health in the province of BC.

BCCDC is part of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA).

The Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) plans, manages and evaluates specialized health services with the BC health authorities to provide high quality and cost-effective health care for people throughout the province. Our values reflect our commitment to excellence and include: Respect people, be compassionate – Dare to innovate – Cultivate partnerships – Serve with purpose.

Learn more about PHSA and our programs: jobs.phsa.ca/programs-and-services

PHSA and BCCDC is committed to equity in our hiring and employment practices. With learning and compassion, we are addressing existing barriers throughout our systems. PHSA is seeking to create a diverse workforce and to establish an inclusive and culturally safe environment. We welcome applications and enquiries from all people, particularly those belonging to the historically, systemically, and/or persistently marginalized groups: 2SLGBTQIA+, Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC), and those with disabilities. PHSA is committed to the B.C. Human Rights Code.

One of PHSA's North Star priorities is to eradicate Indigenous-specific racism, which includes dismantling barriers to health care employment and welcoming Indigenous individuals to apply and/or contact the Sanya'kula Team (Indigenous Recruitment & Employee Experience) for support at indigenous.employment@phsa.ca.

Indigenous-specific anti-racism initiatives are rooted in addressing the unique forms of discrimination, historical and ongoing injustices, and mistreatment of Indigenous peoples. These initiatives align with an Indigenous rights-based approach, recognizing the inherent rights and self-determining rights of Indigenous communities. PHSA must uphold legislative obligations and provincial commitments found in the foundational documents such as including Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action (2015), In Plain Sight (2020), BC's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (2019), United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), Reclaiming Power and Place Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Calls for Justice (2020), and Act Action Plan and Remembering Keegan: A First Nations Case Study.

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