



**Recruiting for: Infectious Disease Medical Epidemiologist (Physician)  
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Physicians who are interested in infectious disease, particularly tuberculosis prevention and control, are encouraged to consider an outstanding opportunity with the Alaska Division of Public Health (DPH) Epidemiology Section. This Deputy State Epidemiologist manages the Infectious Disease/Tuberculosis Program and also serves as the Assistant Chief. DPH essentially functions as both a state and county health department: the scope and authority is statewide, yet operates at the level of detail and immediacy of a county-level health department. The position is 100% federally funded and is in the State of Alaska Exempt Executive Branch Service.

This position is based in Anchorage (pop. ~ 300,000), Alaska's major city and considered one of the most diverse cities in the nation. The city offers all the lifestyle amenities of a mid-sized city and easy access to Alaska's vast wilderness where opportunities to hike, climb, hunt and fish abound.

**Primary Job Duties:**

- Serve as the Tuberculosis Control Officer for Alaska and liaison with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention TB Elimination Program. Direct the statewide tuberculosis control program, serve as a medical consultant to public and clinical health care providers and oversee the collection and analysis of data collected regarding individuals with TB and latent TB infection. Develop and evaluate strategies to identify and treat persons with TB and assure that they are appropriately treated. Manage Alaska's CDC TB grant.
- Direct the Infectious Disease Program, including surveillance and analysis of infectious diseases of public health importance. Assure that notifiable infectious disease conditions are reported to the Section of Epidemiology in a timely fashion, including enhancing electronic means of reporting and data transfer. Monitor disease trends and direct response to suspected or confirmed outbreaks in Alaska.
- Oversee programmatic work supported by several different federal grants, including: activities related to healthcare associated infections and antimicrobial stewardship; surveillance and prevention of viral hepatitis; and development and implementation of Alaska's syndromic surveillance system.
- Provide telephonic and written medical consultation about infectious diseases of public health importance to physicians and other health care providers and respond to media inquiries.
- Serve as primary liaison to the Alaska Division of Public Health's Rural and Community Health Systems Section for infectious disease-related emergencies and preparedness planning.
- Conduct descriptive and analytic studies on infectious diseases of public health importance to provide a basis for program planning and policy formulation.
- Supervise a team of approximately 15 people, including nurse epidemiologists, a veterinary epidemiologist, a pharmacist, MPH-level epidemiologists, administrative staff, and fellows.

**Requirements:**

- Eligible to work in the U.S. (The State of Alaska does not sponsor work visas.)
- A medical degree from an accredited school of medicine or osteopathic medicine. (If education was completed in foreign colleges or universities, credentials must be reviewed by a qualified third-party.)
- A license to practice medicine in Alaska, or eligible for licensure.
- Training or work experience in public health

**Compensation:** Starting annual salary is \$167,000 - \$172,000 plus State of Alaska benefits package.

If you are looking for a rewarding career opportunity where you can make a positive impact on the health of Alaskan citizens the Division of Public Health Section of Epidemiology is looking for you!

For immediate consideration, please contact Dr. Joe McLaughlin, Alaska State Epidemiologist, at [joe.mclaughlin@alaska.gov](mailto:joe.mclaughlin@alaska.gov) or (907) 269-8000.