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#### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Title:		Posting Date:		Serial No.:
Surveillance & Infection Control Specialist		June 05, 2025		070-25
Department/Division:		Closing Date:		Announcement No.:
Health		June 25, 2025		070-25
Type of Position: Temporary Appointment	Posting Type: Employment Opportunity/ Open to the Public		Pay Grade and Salary Range: GS-11/\$17,069 - \$42,419p.a.	

### **General Description:**

The Public Health Surveillance & Infection Control Specialist is hybrid role combining public health surveillance responsibilities with infection control expertise to enhance disease prevention and response efforts. This position conducts surveillance activities, case investigations, and monitoring of hospital-acquired infections (HAIs) while also providing clinic support for outbreak response, healthcare-associated infection prevention, and patient education. The role requires fieldwork, data analysis, and collaboration with healthcare providers, public health agencies, and community stakeholders.

### **Key Duties and Responsibilities:**

- > Surveillance Activities: Conduct routine surveillance of infectious and non-communicable diseases, collect and manage public health data, and assist in disease trend analysis.
- Vaccine-Preventable Disease (VPD) Surveillance Program: Collect and analyze data on vaccine-preventable diseases, collaborate with laboratories for testing, integrate findings into immunization planning, and support vaccination programs.
- Hospital-Acquired Infections (HAIs) and Infection Control: Conduct surveillance for HAIs, monitor infection control practices in healthcare facilities, and work with healthcare providers to implement infection prevention protocols.
- ➤ Case Investigation & Outbreak Response: Assist in epidemiological investigations, interview patients and healthcare providers, conduct field visits, support outbreak response efforts, and provide clinical support during investigations.

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- ➤ Data Management & Reporting: Maintain accurate public health and infection control databases, generate reports, and use statistical tools to analyze disease trends.
- Community Engagement & Health Promotion: Conduct outreach programs, work with local organizations, and assist in developing culturally appropriate health education materials on infection prevention.
- Training & Capacity Building: Attend Epidemiological and infection control training, assist in training public health staff, and participate in workshops to stay current on best practices.
- Perform other job related duties as assigned

# Knowledge, Skills, and Ability:

- Ability to effectively address public health concerns and community needs.
- Familiarity with public health concerns and community needs.
- Strong collection, entry, and management skills.
- Ability to conduct fieldwork, including patient assessment and specimen collection.
- Strong communication and organizational skills.
- Experience with epidemiological software (e.g., Epi Info, Excel GIS tools) preferred.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively within a team.
- ➤ Highly proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (R).
- Experience with data analysis software such as SAS, R, or STATA preferred (R).
- Experiencing implementing surveillance systems and data collection tools (R).
- Knowledge of epidemiological principles, investigate techniques, and infection control practices (R).
- Experience managing health data systems and generating reports (R).
- Ability to conduct fieldwork and specimen collection in various environments.
- Ability to explain technical epidemiological and infection control data to non-expert audiences.
- > Strong verbal and written communication skills in English and Samoan.
- Maintains professionalism and respect in all interactions.
- > Effectively gives and receives constructive feedback.

### **Academic and Experience Requirements:**

- Applicant must have a bachelor degree from an accredited university or college plus three (3) years of relevant work experience.
- > 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.

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