

Job Description

The **BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)** provides provincial and national leadership in public health through surveillance, detection, prevention and consultation and provides both direct diagnostic and treatment services to people with disease of public health importance.

Public Health Physician, Integrated Respiratory Surveillance Public Health Response Team Regular Full Time Vancouver, BC

The Public Health Response (PHR) Team is seeking an experienced **Public Health Physician for Integrated Respiratory Surveillance**. Reporting to the Medical Director of PHR, the Public Health Physician supports the ongoing development of the service as a bridge to other scientific and research resources within the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) but also as a hub that links to related health capacity within PHSA, the regional Health Authorities and the Ministry of Health.

This role is integral to the mandate of the BCCDC in disease surveillance and communicable disease control. The individual provides medical leadership and oversight for provincial respiratory surveillance, outbreak investigation and management, as well as program and policy analysis. The Public Health Physician makes informed recommendations around communicable disease control and related activities. In addition, the Physician provides consultation and epidemiologic expertise and undertakes program evaluation and relevant research activities to address gaps in knowledge related to respiratory infections and emerging communicable diseases.

The Public Health Physician is responsible for public health programs and projects that support:

- BC Health Authorities in meeting their management and service delivery responsibilities;
- The provincial Ministry of Health in meeting its policy and legislation and stewardship responsibilities;
- The Office of the Provincial Health Officer in meeting its legislated and public health leadership responsibilities.

The Public Health Physician must be able to provide senior scientific and medical oversight to division staff who deliver a wide variety of public health services and programs.

Specific tasks will include the following:

- Supports the Medical Director in the provision of leadership within the PHR Service Line;
- Contributes to the development of strategic and operational plans for PHR consistent with BCCDC priorities;
- Works with the Medical Director to further develop the capacity of the PHR to develop intelligence and disseminate insights, convene provincial and regional partners, and lead the development of guidelines and knowledge products.

The successful Public Health Physician must:

- Be medically qualified and licensed to practice in British Columbia.
- At all times hold and maintain licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, all required licenses, liability insurance (Canadian Medical Protective Association), and meet all requirements of BCCDC and PHSA for this position.

- Possess a Fellowship from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (FRCPC) preferably in Public Health & Preventive Medicine

Our preferred candidate will also have:

- Excellent communication skills, including public speaking and public relations.
- Ability to supervise clinical and administrative staff.
- Effective interpersonal skills, mature judgment and flexibility.
- Experience (ideally 2 or more years) as a Medical Health Officer, Communicable Disease Epidemiologist, or Field Epidemiologist, are assets.
- Ability and experience in designing, implementing, and conducting studies, their interpretation, written reporting and publication.
- Demonstrated ability to secure grant funding in support of research initiatives also considered an asset.

Applications including a cover letter, CV, the names, ranks and contact information of three referees should be directed to:

Kevin P.W. Wang
Advisor, Physician Recruitment
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Applications will be reviewed immediately and the positions will remain open until it is filled.

For more information about the BC Centre for Disease Control, please visit the website at: www.bccdc.ca

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

PHSA plans, manages and evaluates specialized health services with the BC health authorities to provide equitable 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

BCCDC and PHSA are committed to employment equity, encouraging all qualified individuals to apply. We recognize that our ability to provide the best care for our diverse patient populations relies on a rich diversity of skills, knowledge, background and experience, and value a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment.

Reconciliation is an ongoing process and a shared responsibility for all of us. The BC Government unanimous passing of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act was a significant step forward in this journey—one that all health authorities are expected to support as we work in cooperation with Indigenous Peoples to establish a clear and sustainable path to meaningful and lasting reconciliation. True reconciliation will take time and ongoing commitment to work with Indigenous Peoples as we move toward self-determination. Guiding these efforts PHSA must uphold legislative obligations and provincial commitments found in the foundational documents such as including Truth & 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 (2019), the Declaration Act Action Plan and Remembering Keegan: A First Nations Case Study.