



# BLACK HAWK COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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## Disease Prevention Specialist

Black Hawk County is seeking a Disease Prevention Specialist to perform public health surveillance and outreach activities by reviewing disease reporting information and community engagement with at-risk populations, responding to health care practitioners on reporting requirements, complete public health follow-up while adhering to case investigation protocols; performs related work as required.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Researches, reviews, and implements regulations, standards or rules related to communicable disease control.
- Completes outreach activities through community engagement of at-risk populations.
- Initiates and completes investigative procedures involving persons with suspected or confirmed disease or exposure to identify possible source and spread of the infection by interviewing diagnosed case and contacts, e.g. disease reports, animal bites, foodborne illness reports, and suspected outbreaks.
- Prepares electronic case reports, using approved software applications containing the history of the case and contacts, causative agent, diagnosis, treatment schedules, lab results, contacts; and implements questionnaires to obtain a history of onset and duration of illness, types of symptoms, and history of home, social and work activities, and environmental factors.

### **Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in public health, natural sciences, microbiology, or closely related field; OR Bachelor's degree in community health or social work.
- One to two years of community based experience providing advocacy and support to the population being served is preferred.
- Multilingual skills preferred.
- Must be available for off-hour and/or weekend activities and overtime if needed.
- Must have a valid Iowa Driver's License and be insurable under county guidelines. The position may require the occasional use of private vehicle for official business.

### **Salary Range & Benefits:**

- \$22.14 - \$28.92 hourly; starting compensation is based on qualifications.
- Competitive benefits package

**Application Deadline:** Preference is given to candidates that submit resume, cover letter and application by March 11, 2022. The position is open until filled.

For complete job description and instructions to apply, please visit our website at <https://www.blackhawkcounty.iowa.gov/316/Job-Openings> EOE/AA.