

# **NOTICE OF VACANCY**

TITLE: Regional Sanitarian

DEPARTMENT: City of Salem Health

**REPORTS TO:** City of Salem Health Agent, North Shore Municipal Health Agents

**POSITION STATUS:** Full time, 35 hours a week, position with benefits

Grant funded through Public Health Excellence by the Massachusetts
Department of Public Health; funding is expected to run through at least

June 2027.

SALARY: \$1.217.26 per week

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The North Shore Shared Public Health Collaborative (NSPHC) seeks candidates for the position of RS. The RS will provide inspectional support to build the capacity of participating municipal health departments from the cities and towns of Beverly, Danvers, Lynn, Marblehead, Nahant, Peabody, Salem and Swampscott.

The position will be based in the City of Salem's Public Health Department, under the management of its Health Agent. The RS will report to the NSPHC's Board, which will be comprised of the Public Health Directors from all eight participating communities. The RS will work on a regional basis to backfill gaps in sanitary and environmental enforcement identified by participating health departments.

#### **DUTIES**

In accordance with the State Sanitary and Environmental Codes and established procedures, the RS will perform a variety of inspections as assigned by participating health departments to ensure proper enforcement of the codes, including:

- Inspecting dwellings for fitness of human habitation, recreational camps, food establishments, swimming pools,
- Inspecting nuisances, improper disposal of rubbish, illegal dumping, etc.
- Investigations pertaining to public and private sewerage disposal, the causes and effects of air, water, and noise pollution, and in support of rodent control programs and provides information on pest control.
- Investigating lead paint violations in support of lead paint poison control programs.
- Collecting public bathing water and food samples.

Working with the public health agents from participating health departments, the Regional Sanitarian will also prepare reports of findings and maintain adequate records. Any violations they find will be reported to the health agent from the respective community with recommendations for corrective action. Writes report of inspection/order or notice of non-compliance and conducts reinspection. Collects public bathing water and food samples.

In any situation of non-compliance and inspection disapproval, the Sanitarian may work with the public health agent to prepare material for District and Superior Court presentation with assistance from the respective health agent as necessary. Testifying in court cases as an expert witness may also be required.

The RS will also assist in investigations of suspected communicable disease outbreaks and perform investigations of emergency situations, e.g., house fires, septic system overflow, rodent infestation, outbreak of disease, etc. For sanitarians with State registration, observing soil and percolation tests for individual sewerage systems for potential installation in unsewered areas may also be a role they take on

Other duties identified by as required and assigned.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

A minimum of at least two (2) years of full-time, or equivalent part-time, technical or professional experience in public health or environmental health practice, investigation and inspection.

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college in:

- Environmental Health or A.
- В. Public Health, or
- C. a minimum of 30 semester hours credits of basic science with the ability to qualify for the Registered Sanitarian/ Registered Environmental Health Specialist Credential

Working knowledge of state and local regulations, codes, and ordinances that apply to public health required.

Valid Massachusetts driver's license required.

Strong organization, communication, and writing skills.

#### **Substitutions**

Registration as a Sanitarian by 1) the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Sanitarians or 2) the National Environmental Health Association may be substituted for required experience. Registration strongly preferred.

### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to be mobile and communicate with others. The employee may be required to lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally 100 pounds. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. While performing the duties of this job, the employee occasionally works in outside weather conditions. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

Applicants are encouraged to apply, in writing, to jobs@salem.com; position is open until a qualified candidate is selected.

CITY OF SALEM Lisa B. Cammarata, Director **Human Resources** 98 Washington Street, 3rd floor Salem, Massachusetts 01970

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