



Allegheny County Health Department

Invites qualified candidates to apply for the position of:

Assistant Public Health Lab Director

Salary Range: Hourly: \$36.06 - \$38.59 | Annual: \$75,000 - \$80,250



The Position: A Snapshot

Allegheny County seeks a qualified public health professional to serve as Assistant Public Health Lab Director, working under the direction of the Lab Director with significant interaction between other Deputies, the COO, and the Director of the Health Department.

This position is essential in coordinating the work of Public Health Laboratory staff, overseeing community testing and disease prevention efforts, ensuring state and federal compliance, developing and implementing policies and procedures, training staff, and more. They are part of a 23-person lab team with plans for continued growth moving forward.

Find a detailed description of the role on page 4.



The Organization: A Snapshot

The Allegheny County Health Department aims to protect, promote, and preserve the health and well-being of all Allegheny County residents, especially the most vulnerable. The Health Department provides quality public health services to more than 1.2 million residents, working to support healthy behaviors, improve environmental health, and build a culture of health county-wide. Community testing and disease prevention have been key areas of focus for the lab, with a strong investment in wastewater testing as part of ongoing surveillance efforts for COVID-19 and other diseases. For additional insights on the Health Department's goals and plans, check out the [Plan for a Healthier Allegheny 2023-2027](#).



On the Horizon

The Allegheny County Health Department is investing in a new facility for the Public Health Laboratory that will be four times the size of the current facility. The new facility will be located in Warrendale, Pennsylvania. The Assistant Lab Director must be knowledgeable on current best practices for public health labs, as they will work closely with the team that is building the new facility and be able to provide input throughout the process.

A Day in the Life of the Assistant Public Health Lab Director

As Assistant Lab Director, your days will be filled with a variety of duties and responsibilities. On any given day, you could find yourself:

- Assisting the Director in operating and administering the Public Health Laboratory System, including support, maintenance, and enhancement of lab testing services.
- Opening and overseeing:
 - A Laboratory Response Network B Reference Laboratory to support bioterrorism response
 - A World Health Organization Influenza Collaborating Laboratory to support local, national, and international influenza surveillance.
- Developing and maintaining high-capacity testing systems and laboratory readiness for emergency activation.
- Overseeing the development and implementation of whole genome sequencing systems to support pathogen tracing.
- Designing and monitoring studies.
- Preparing grant proposals and budgets.
- Training and evaluating staff.
- Ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations.
- Participating in community activities to support the Health Department mission.



Who are we looking for?

We're looking for an Assistant Lab Director who is passionate about protecting the health of all residents. We need someone analytical. Insightful. Driven. Sound like you? These five core competencies are essential to excel in the role:

1

Understanding of Principles & Best Practices for Managing a Public Health Lab

2

Knowledge of Microbiology, Serology, Toxicology, & Statistics

3

Community Testing and Disease Prevention Expertise

4

Ability to Design Studies & Analyze Results

5

Excellent Written and Oral Communication Skills

Experience, Skills, and Qualifications

- Ph.D. or Sc.D. in microbiology from an accredited college or university
- Active certification in medical and public health microbiology by the American Board of Medical Microbiology (ABMM).
- Experience in the following is preferred: working in a Laboratory Response Network B Reference Lab approved by the CDC; working in a World Health Organization Influenza Collaborating Laboratory; developing and maintaining testing systems and sequencing pathogens, including for SARS Coronavirus 2.
- Grant writing and budget development.
- Knowledge of local, state, and federal regulations for operating a public health lab.
- Supervisory skills.
- Allegheny County residency within one year is required.

The Allegheny County Health Department needs your expertise for this crucial role.

Will you join us?
We eagerly await your application!

To Apply

- Candidates are encouraged to apply by September 22, 2023.
- Applications can be submitted through this [link](#). Please include a resume with your application.
- The position is considered open until a final selection is made.
- Final candidate must successfully pass a background check.

Questions/Referrals/Nominations - please contact Dr. Ian M. Coyle at ian@pracademicpartners.com

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