

**Epidemiologist 3 STI Director**

Division of Communicable and Environmental  
Diseases and Emergency Preparedness  
Nashville, TN

**Who we are and how we impact Tennessee:**

TDH incorporates our values into the work we do each day to achieve our mission, live our vision and address our two strategic priorities of prevention and access.

**Mission:**

Protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee.

**Vision:**

- Healthy People
- Healthy Communities
- Healthy Tennessee

**Our Values:**

- Collaboration
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Compassion
- Respect
- Health Equity

**Strategic Priorities:****Prevention:**

- Support Local Leadership
- Decrease Youth Obesity
- Decrease Tobacco Use
- Decrease Substance Misuse
- Prevent and Mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences

**Access:**

- Optimize Internal Clinical Efficiency
- Improve External Primary Care Access
- Leverage Innovation
- Expand Partnerships

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**Job Overview:**

This new position will serve as the statewide Sexually Transmitted Infections Director within the HIV/STI/Viral Hepatitis section and will report to the Medical Director of the HIV/STI/VH section. Primary responsibilities include leadership and oversight of programs related to STI surveillance and prevention in Tennessee.

This position will supervise and provide mentorship to the directors of STI Surveillance and STI Prevention, as well as the STI nurse consultant who serves as the liaison to health department clinical services. The Director will lead these teams utilizing data to guide expanding programs made possible by recently increased federal funding and they will provide programmatic oversight for the implementation of all related prevention and treatment activities. The Director will further develop and manage statewide STI epidemiology and surveillance efforts to quantify and reduce the public health burden and consequences of STI infections.

This program is in the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Communicable and Environmental Diseases and Emergency Preparedness (CEDEP). CEDEP includes a large and diverse group of epidemiologists, subject matter experts, and support services. It covers a wide range of programs including immunizations, healthcare associated infections, TB, environmental health, emergency preparedness, and general communicable diseases.

*Salary is competitive and will be based on education and experience.*

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Direct and coordinate the management of surveillance data across the state.
- Quantify the public health burden and consequences of STIs in Tennessee.
- Ensure STI surveillance data quality and implement data quality improvement processes.
- Oversee data analysis and program evaluation for STI Prevention activities.
- Build capacity for HIV/STI/Viral Hepatitis program and regional/metro partners to monitor and respond to potential STI clusters and outbreaks.

- Plan and develop grant applications for federal grants to enhance STI prevention efforts across the state.
- Supervise and train STI surveillance and prevention staff.
- Plan, design, and coordinate special projects.
- Oversee the preparation and management of federal and state budgets.
- Establish and maintain relationships with a variety of stakeholders, including health departments, community-based organizations, and community members.
- Provide technical assistance to regional and metro STI staff.
- Serve as the 340B Authorizing Official for health department clinics and funded community partners.
- Participate in national epidemiology and surveillance meetings, activities, and consultations, including CSTE, CDC, HRSA, HHS, APHA, etc.
- Work closely with other governmental agencies, academic, community and service providers statewide to promote use of surveillance data to improve outcomes.

**Minimum Requirements:**

Minimum qualifications for this level will be an MD, DO, or DVM and seven years' experience in epidemiology; or a doctorate degree in epidemiology and five years' experience;

OR

Doctorate degree in public health, biostatistics, statistics, health informatics, health sciences, biomedical sciences or environmental sciences, plus seven years' work experience in epidemiology;

OR

Master's degree in epidemiology, public health, biostatistics, statistics or health informatics with nine years' work experience in epidemiology;

OR

Master's degree in a health science, biomedical science, or environmental science field with ten years' work experience in epidemiology.

CDC EIS or CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship or a master's degree in public health (MPH or MSPH) can substitute for two years' work experience. Must have five years of supervisory experience.

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) graduate, PhD, DrPH, or MD with work experience in public health epidemiology or related field; alternatively, MPH with 10 or more years increasing experience in public health program work, including epidemiology.
- Five or more years of full-time supervisory work.
- Experience in the field of HIV, STI, Viral Hepatitis, or other infectious disease.

- Proficient in using analytical software such as SAS, R, STATA.
- Proficient in data visualization software, such as Tableau.
- Experience managing complex epidemiology and surveillance programs, reporting, programmatic activities, operational activities, technical activities, administrative activities, multi-million-dollar budgets, contracts, and procurement activities.
- Experience preparing manuscripts for scientific publication.
- Strong oral and written communication, team building, program management and evaluation, decision making, leadership and computer skills.

**To apply:**

Please forward your resume to [Donna.Teasley@tn.gov](mailto:Donna.Teasley@tn.gov) and reference "STI Epi3" in the subject line.

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