

Epidemiology Response Team



Join the Epidemiology Response Team

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is recruiting volunteers for an Epidemiology Response Team (EpiRT). IDPH encourages members of local health departments; colleges and universities; and members of medical, veterinary or other professions to volunteer.

Health professionals who have training and experience in public health, such as prevention specialists, nurses, physicians, community health professionals or epidemiologists should consider volunteering to become a part

of the EpiRT. The team will assist state or local public health officials during an emergency when agencies need additional surveillance and investigation assistance.

Members of the team may be called upon to assist with the following functions:

- ◆ Conducting disease surveillance activities
- ◆ Investigating disease outbreaks or case clusters by designing surveys, conducting interviews, tracing contacts or conducting data management
- ◆ Instituting disease prevention and control measures including quarantine or isolation, immunization and prophylaxis

To be considered for positions as an emergency epidemiology response team member, an individual will need to have previous training in communicable diseases, disease investigation, zoonotic diseases, and/or outbreak investigations. Active and retired health care professionals with relevant public health experience are encouraged to consider joining the team.

For additional information and an application packet, please contact the Iowa Department of Public Health, Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology at (515) 242-5935 or 1-800-362-2736.

