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WHY APPLY?



Located in Southwest Washington, Clark County stretches from the north bank of the Columbia River to the southern shadows of Mount St. Helens. Clark

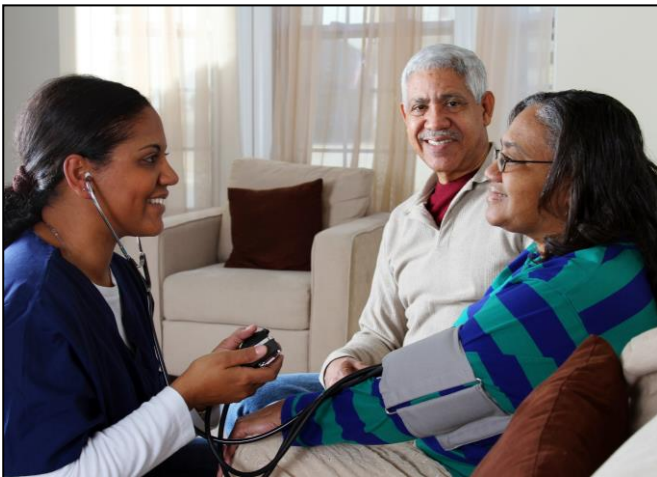
County is a vital player in a bi-state metropolitan area with a growing economy, an exemplary education system and access to high-quality health care, housing, transportation, parks and many other amenities.

If you are an experienced Public Health professional looking to join a team of dedicated employees to provide excellent services in a progressive community and agency, this is the right position for you!

THE COMMUNITY

As a regional hub for transportation and commerce, Clark County is across the Columbia River from Portland, Oregon, and the Portland International Airport. Clark County is the fifth most populous county in Washington with more than 511,000 residents and encompasses more than 656 square miles. Clark County's seat and largest city is Vancouver, which is the fourth largest city in Washington and boasts a vibrant downtown and a thriving restaurant and brewery scene.

Clark County offers a high quality of life with low property taxes, affordable housing, high-performing schools and convenient access to outstanding cultural and recreational amenities. Interstates 5 and 205 provide access to major economic centers in Washington and Oregon.



With more than 40 miles of frontage on the Columbia River, the county offers a mix of urban areas, small towns, parks, farms, forests and wildlife refuges. With a mild year-round climate, the region is the perfect place to take advantage of outdoor recreational activities, including fishing, hunting, swimming, boating, camping, hiking and skiing. The county has easy access to the Pacific Coast, only 90 miles to the west, and the Cascade Mountains, including Mount Hood and Mount St. Helens, each less than a two-hour drive away. Clark County is also home to the Fort Vancouver National Site, a 366-acre historic reserve that Congress created in 1996. The site is owned and managed by the National Park Service and the city of Vancouver.

The county is served by nine school districts, with enrollments ranging from fewer than 200 students to more than 26,000 students. Several districts host programs for home schooling and the trades. Clark College and Washington State University Vancouver, the only four-year university in Southwest Washington, are both located in Clark County.

THE COUNTY

Founded in 1845, Clark County is governed by the five-member Clark County Council, with four councilors elected at the district level and the council chair elected countywide. The county council is responsible for constituent inquiries, adopting the biennial budget, developing and implementing planning and zoning policies, adopting ordinances, and making citizen appointments to some advisory committees and boards, while the county manager oversees the day-to-day operations of administrative departments.

County departments include: assessor, auditor, board of equalization, budget, children's justice center, community development, community planning, community services, county clerk, county council, county manager, courts, district court, elections, general services, geographic information systems, human resources, juvenile court, medical examiner, prosecuting attorney, public health, public works, sheriff, superior court, and treasurer.

Clark County adopted a 2024 General Fund budget of \$321,324,822 and a countywide budget of \$891,104,400. The county has approximately 1,700 full-time equivalent employees.

THE DEPARTMENT

Established in 1929, Clark County Public Health operates with approximately 186 FTEs and is responsible for protecting the community's health by preventing disease and responding to health threats. The department influences conditions that promote health, such as access to healthy and affordable foods, clean water, health care, and neighborhoods that are safe for walking and biking. The department also minimizes the impact of disease outbreaks through vaccination efforts, early detection, and swift responses.

The department's services are divided into four divisions including Communicable Disease Control and Emergency Response and Planning, Community Health, Environmental Public Health, and Administrative Services. To learn more about the functions the Communicable Disease Control and Emergency Response and Planning Division which this position oversees, and other department divisions, please view the attachment found [here](#).

The department values its community's diversity and seeks ways to promote equity and inclusion within the organization and with the public. The department also encourages applications from candidates with knowledge, ability and experience working with a broad range of individuals and communities with diverse racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

THE PROGRAM & POSITION

The Health Officer program is intended to provide a unified and systemic approach to delivering regional health officer services to the local health departments serving Clark and other counties contracting with Clark.



The program aims to accomplish this through (1) providing high quality health officer services, and (2) participating in a developmental approach to enhancing the departments' capacities to assess community health status, choose appropriate population health priorities and strategies and develop and provide high quality public health services to address these priorities and strategies.

The Deputy Health Officer provides leadership across a wide range of public health activities through the regional health officer program, and provides consultation, public health and clinical leadership, and technical direction to the local health departments.

This position has major responsibility for control and prevention of communicable disease and planning for and response to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies, and serves as the Deputy Health Officer for the contracted Health Departments and under direction of the Health Officer, as a member of the contracted counties' Public Health Department senior management teams.

Under direction from the Health Officer, the Deputy Health Officer plays a critical role in department activities through relationships with key entities, particularly the local medical communities in contracted counties; County Boards of Health; local, state and federal public health partners; the media; and the public. Additionally, the Deputy Health Officer is required to help identify priorities and emerging trends, and communicate health data and information in a variety of settings.

To view the full responsibilities for this position, please view the job posting found [here](#).

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- A license to practice medicine and surgery osteopathic medicine and surgery in the state of Washington, or the ability to obtain a license by time of hire.
- A Master of Public Health or equivalent degree, plus three (3) years of increasingly responsible experience in public health, epidemiology, preventative medicine or a related area of responsible experience in public health, epidemiology, preventative medicine or a related area.
- Candidates with three (3) years who do not possess a Master of Public Health or equivalent can qualify for a provisional term, subject to public health in-service orientation and periodic personal review by the Secretary of Health/designee.
- Any satisfactory equivalent combination of experience and training which ensures the ability to perform the work may be substituted for up to one year of the required experience. Course work and training in public health administration, public administration or a related field is desirable, but not required.

For more information on Clark County Public Health, please visit:

www.clark.wa.gov/public-health

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

- **\$150,660 - \$218,460 DOQ**
- Medical, vision and dental.
- Health Savings Account.
- Paid Time Off (PTO).
- Deferred compensation (457 Plan).
- Flexible Spending Accounts.
- 11 paid holidays.
- Life insurance.
- Long-term disability insurance.
- Optional coverage.
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP).
- Washington Public Employees' Retirement System.
- This position has the option of a remote/hybrid work schedule possibility. However, the candidate selected must reside in Washington or Oregon. No Exceptions.



Clark County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified candidates are strongly encouraged to apply by **July 21, 2024** (first review, open until filled). Applications, supplemental questions, resumes and cover letters will only be accepted electronically. To **apply online**, go to **www.prothman.com** and click on "Open Recruitments", select "Clark County, WA – Deputy Health Officer" and click "Apply Online", or click [here](#).

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