Dear Colleagues,

As we approach Spring of 2021, the impact of COVID-19 is still at the forefront of everyone’s mind. As a Public Health Institute, we continue to support our State and Nation’s COVID response and public health infrastructure, and are encouraged by the significant progress in vaccine distribution and plans for reopening states and communities safely in the coming weeks and months. There has never been a better time to join the public health workforce and contribute to these ongoing efforts!

We have career opportunities that range from local, state to global. Consider a position with us working at the local level on our food security and substance use prevention programs; state-wide positions on COVID response, including COVID case investigation and healthcare-associated infection; national positions in communication and operation; and global technical positions in vector-borne disease.

Visit our careers page and consider joining our public health team!

Best Regards,
Danielle Louder & Elizabeth Foley
Co-Directors, MCD Public Health

Join the Maine COVID-19 Response Team

Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Services

MCD Public Health will be working with the State of Maine to provide COVID-19 Response Services. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention has awarded MCD Public Health with a contract to support their Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Services in response to the COVID pandemic. MCD Public Health will be providing the State with immediate staffing of up to fifty-eight (58) full-time positions. For example, there are several openings for Case Investigators, Contact Tracers, Epidemiologists, and Informatics Coordinators. You can find a complete list of employment ads with job descriptions, duties and requirements on the MCD Public Health Website.

Maine COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Line

We are excited to announce that the State of Maine has launched its COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Line, which is now available to Maine people with COVID-19 vaccination questions.

Phone #:
1-866-962-6062

Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00am - 5:00pm

Please do continue to utilize 211 as well as a resource for general vaccination questions.

As a reminder, this is not a vaccination appointment line, this is intended as a resource to most vaccination-related questions from the public.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccinations in Maine, click here.

For nationwide COVID-19 vaccination information and resources, visit the CDC's website.

Maine COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility & Sites

In Maine, residents age 60 (as of this week!) and older are currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Please visit the Maine CDC's webpage on Maine COVID-19 Vaccine Sites to learn more about recently updated eligibility criteria based on age groups, to find locations where the vaccine is available, and how to sign up.

COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States

Be sure to check your State's COVID-19 website for similar information regarding Vaccine Sites and Distribution Guidelines. For example, New York State COVID-19 Vaccine, Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine, and New Mexico COVID-19 Vaccine.

You can also learn more about vaccinations in the United States at the COVID Vaccine Data Tracker.

Marketplace Special Enrollment Period

HHS recently announced a Special Enrollment Period for individuals and families to enroll in health coverage through the Federally-Facilitated Marketplace from Monday, February 15, through Saturday, May 15, due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
Health Equity

The COVID-19 pandemic has called attention to health inequities and disparities that disproportionately affect certain communities. In the United States, social determinates of health factoring into the lack of health equity include:

- Socioeconomic status
- Lack of insurance or underinsured
- Race and ethnicity
- Geographical region
- Age

Across the nation, health disparities are large and increasing. All people should have the opportunity to achieve their full health potential, however, there are major disadvantages impacting certain populations, creating gaps in health and barriers to accessing health services. Public health initiatives designed to reduce and eliminate health disparities are essential for achieving health equity.

To learn more about health equity, diversity and inclusion, click here.

MCD’s Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

As part of MCD’s commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the organization has continued to reflect on how to nurture a culture where these values are manifested at the core of our organization. As such, we have revised our statement on diversity, equity, and inclusion which affirms that: "To be engaged, each of us must feel included and valued. Medical Care Development, Inc. (MCD) understands this and strives to build and nurture a culture where inclusiveness is a reflex, not an initiative; where there is a deep sense of pride, passion and belonging that transcends any role, business unit, language or country; and, where everyone is unified in a shared commitment to excellence, innovation and social responsibility.” For the full statement, please visit MCD’s website.

Meet Our Team

Valerie Jackson

Valerie Jackson joins us as Senior Program Manager for Workforce Development and Quality Improvement. In her new role at MCDPH, Valerie will provide training to the State of Maine’s COVID Response Services. She has more than 30 years of experience in the healthcare and the manufacturing industry, specializing in team-based care, quality coaching and management, and group training and facilitation. Valerie is an energetic and effective leader who brings heart, humor, and compassion to her work in leading meaningful change in healthcare. As a co-leader of the MaineHealth/Maine Medical Center Physician Hospital Organization’s Patient-Centered Medical Home Collaborative, Valerie served as the primary facilitator and trainer for over
Valerie served as the Manager of Clinical Systems Improvement at InterMed and prior to that, as the Director of Practice Improvement at the MaineHealth ACO. Valerie is a trained Clinical Microsystems Healthcare Improvement Coach through The Dartmouth Institute, a trained facilitator in Ariadne Lab’s Serious Illness Conversations, and a TeamSTEPPS Teamwork System for Healthcare Master Trainer.

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**Lisa Tuttle**

Lisa Tuttle, MPH, joins us as Program Manager for Workforce Development and Quality Improvement. In her new role at MCDPH, Lisa will provide training to the State of Maine’s COVID Response Services. She brings more than 20 years of experience leading large public health and health care transformation initiatives, with a specific focus on complex system integration, community engagement and education, and training. For ten years, she provided program direction for large system transformation initiatives in Maine, including the Maine Patient-Centered Medical Home Pilot, and Maine Health Home and Behavioral Health Home Learning Collaboratives, as well as supporting primary care practices advancing effective use of health information technology, behavioral and physical health integration, and collaborative learning opportunities to advance quality care. She served as Program Director for the Northern New England Project ECHO Network, bringing Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont technical assistance and support to implement virtual communities of practice using the evidence-based Project ECHO methodology. For a decade, she served as Program Director in Maine DHHS, providing leadership for Immunization Program, Public Health Preparedness, and upgrading and integrating essential public health information systems.

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**Katie Ritchey**

Katie Ritchey is the new Eligibility Assistant for the ADAP and Ryan White Part B Programs at the Maine CDC. The ADAP and Ryan White Part B Programs provide help and resources for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS in Maine. Katie is an avid team player with 16 years of experience in the restaurant industry. In her free time, she enjoys beekeeping, gardening, and sewing.

Please join us in welcoming Valerie, Lisa, and Katie to the MCD Public Health team!

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**International Public Health**
Click here to see current opportunities.