



EPIDEMIOLOGIST

TYPE	TYPE 1	TYPE 2
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Provides leadership for scientific analysis and public health research	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1. Manages and provides professional guidance for a team of individuals conducting advanced epidemiological services 2. Ensures communication with various audiences in timely and relevant manner 3. Provides epidemiological perspective in the development and analysis of public health policies
CATEGORY	CRITERIA	
EDUCATION	A combination of ten years of post-high school education and experience, in accordance with CSTE Tier 3b Epidemiologist requirements	A combination of ten years of post-high school education and experience, in accordance with Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Tier 3a Epidemiologist requirements
	NOTES: Not Specified	
TRAINING	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3
	NOTES: Not Specified	
EXPERIENCE	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3, PLUS: Two years of work experience in epidemiology
	NOTES: Not Specified	
PHYSICAL/ MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3
	NOTES: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is mission-specific and may vary by working environment, including protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposures, eye and hearing protection, respirators, gloves, and masks.	
CURRENCY	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3
	NOTES: The provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include the following: background check currency within twelve months; sex-offender registry check; and a local, state, and national-based criminal history.	



TYPE	TYPE 1	TYPE 2
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified
	NOTES: 1. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 Epidemiologist requirements are consistent with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Tier 3a Epidemiologist requirements. 2. The NIMS Type 1 Epidemiologist requirements are consistent with the CSTE Tier 3b Epidemiologist requirements.	

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TYPE	TYPE 3	TYPE 4
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 4, PLUS: 1. Manages and provides professional guidance for a team of individuals conducting basic epidemiological services 2. Recommends evidence-based interventions and control measures 3. Interfaces with public health assessment teams, environmental health teams, other public health disciplines, and laboratories 4. Coordinates with public health agencies, jurisdictional Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8 – Public Health and Medical, and health care coalitions	The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 4 Epidemiologist: 1. Performs epidemiological assessment and analysis 2. Applies basic public health sciences to public health practice 3. Uses basic epidemiology communication skills 4. Works in a culturally competent manner to integrate community dimensions into epidemiological practice 5. Develops and supports systems thinking by examining the linkages and interactions between the components of a system 6. Supports the application of epidemiological knowledge to the development and analysis of public health policies
CATEGORY	CRITERIA	CRITERIA
EDUCATION	A combination of eight years of post-high school education and experience, in accordance with CSTE Tier 2 Epidemiologist requirements NOTES: Not Specified	A combination of six years of post-high school education and experience, in accordance with Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Tier 1 Epidemiologist requirements
TRAINING	Same as Type 4, PLUS: 1. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents 2. ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff – Complex Incidents NOTES: Not Specified	Completion of the following: 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.134 Respiratory Protection 6. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 Hazardous Materials Awareness 7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1030 Bloodborne Pathogens 8. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Packaging and Shipping Division 6.2 Materials or equivalent packaging and shipping training 9. Training in use of epidemiological software to perform epidemiology investigations, analysis, and reporting
EXPERIENCE	Two years of work experience in epidemiology in a public health agency NOTES: Not Specified	Not Specified



TYPE	TYPE 3	TYPE 4
PHYSICAL/ MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 4	1. Performs duties under moderate circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time 2. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services CDC's recommended adult immunization schedule for the United States of America 3. Ability to work wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
	NOTES: PPE is mission-specific and may vary by working environment, including protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposures, eye and hearing protection, respirators, gloves, and masks.	
CURRENCY	Same as Type 4	1. Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years 2. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires
	NOTES: The provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include the following: background check currency within twelve months; sex-offender registry check; and a local, state, and national-based criminal history.	
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified
	NOTES: 1. The NIMS Type 4 Epidemiologist requirements are consistent with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Tier 1 Epidemiologist requirements. 2. The NIMS Type 3 Epidemiologist requirements are consistent with the CSTE Tier 2 Epidemiologist requirements.	



ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS OR DESIGNATIONS

- ☒ Can be ordered as a single resource
- ☒ Can be ordered in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Epidemiological Response Team)
- ☐ Can be ordered in conjunction with a NIMS typed unit
- 1. Discuss logistics for this position (such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals) prior to deployment.
- 2. This position works up to 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508-12: Epidemiological Response Team
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
3. 29 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 1910.120 Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Hazardous Materials Awareness
4. 29 CFR Part 1910.134 OSHA, Respiratory Protection
5. 29 CFR Part 1910.1030 OSHA, Bloodborne Pathogens
6. Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), Competencies for Applied Epidemiologists in Governmental Public Health Agencies, 2008

NOTE

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.