

An assignment to the Division of Disease Control falls under the day-to-day supervision of the Assistant State Epidemiologist, Geoff Beckett, MPH, PA-C. The fellow will rotate through a series of in-depth assignments in infectious disease (ID) focus areas including: HIV/AIDS, STDs, Hepatitis, Vaccine-preventable disease and general ID epidemiology. In each area, the fellow will work side-by-side with our staff epidemiologist who serves as a resource person/subject matter expert in the area.

Opportunities for hands-on involvement in all aspects of surveillance will be provided in each of the subject areas, to include: receiving reports, case investigations, consultation and management with health care providers, and data management, analysis, interpretation and dissemination. In addition, direct involvement as staff and, if possible, lead investigator in cluster and/or outbreaks will be provided as they naturally occur during the course of the fellowship. Direct involvement in application of ID surveillance data through special projects or program operations such as needs assessment, program planning, program evaluation, and developing web-based surveillance systems and tools will be tailored to fit the fellow's interest and the Division's current strategic initiatives.

Our entire epidemiology staff is part of our "core" bioterrorism response team in Maine. The fellow would be incorporated into that overall team. We have an ongoing continuing education program with ITV offerings every two weeks for our core team that is based on periodic educational needs assessment surveys of our involved staff. The fellow would have an opportunity to complete a BT competencies self-assessment and be directed to past ITV trainings and other materials as needed, as well as participate in our ongoing training program throughout the duration of the fellowship.

Assignment Location: Augusta, ME

Primary Mentor:	Geoff Beckett, PA-C, MPH Assistant State Epidemiologist (1992-present) Chief, Infectious Disease Epidemiology (2000-present)
Advanced Degree:	MPH, The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health (1988)
Secondary Mentor:	Paul Kuhnert, MS Director, Division of Disease Control (June 1999-present) Associate Director for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (March 2002-present)
Advanced degree:	MS, University of Illinois, Chicago (1991)