
Associate Medical Officer of Health

Job Opening Id: 38119	# Required: 1
Business Unit: Public Health and Emergency Services	Division: Medical/Administration
Location: Thorold, Ontario	Standard Hours: 35.00 / week
Full/Part Time: Full-Time	Regular/Temporary: Temporary
Salary Grade: 11	Salary Range: \$ 138,890 - \$ 163,400
Post Date: 2024-03-01	Close Date: 2024-03-15
Approximate Duration: 12 – 18 months	

****Please note, this position is eligible for additional remuneration from the Ministry of Health.****

This role has the potential to become a permanent, full-time position.

ABOUT US

Serving a diverse urban and rural population of more than 475,000, Niagara Region is focused on building a strong and prosperous Niagara. Working collaboratively with 12 local area municipalities and numerous community partners, the Region delivers a range of high-quality programs and services to support and advance the well-being of individuals, families and communities within its boundaries. Nestled between the great lakes of Erie and Ontario, the Niagara peninsula features some of Canada's most fertile agricultural land, the majesty of Niagara Falls and communities that are rich in both history and recreational and cultural opportunities. Niagara boasts dynamic modern cities, Canada's most developed wine industry, a temperate climate, extraordinary theatre, and some of Ontario's most breathtaking countryside. An international destination with easy access to its binational U.S. neighbour New York State, Niagara attracts over 14 million visitors annually, as well as a steady stream of new residents and businesses.

At Niagara Region, we value diversity - in background and experience. We are proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We aspire to hire and grow a workforce reflective of the diverse community we serve. By doing so, we can deliver better programs and services across Niagara.

We welcome all applicants! For more information about diversity, equity, and inclusion at Niagara Region, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - Niagara Region, Ontario or email related questions to diversity@niagararegion.ca. To send input on reducing barriers in the current hiring process, please email myhr@niagararegion.ca

For the Region's full employee equity statement, [Working at Niagara Region - Niagara Region, Ontario](#).

Please note that effective February 12, 2023 mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations are no longer required as per the Niagara Region's amended COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. As a result, you will not be required to submit verification of your vaccination status before starting employment with the Niagara Region. However, the Niagara Region continues to reserve the right to reintroduce vaccination requirements in the future if necessary to respond to changing public health advice and/or government direction. The Niagara Region continues to strongly encourage everyone to remain up-to-date with vaccinations.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Summary

Reporting to the Medical Officer of Health / Commissioner of Public Health, the Associate Medical Officer of Health provides leadership, strategic direction and medical consultation with respect to health promotion and disease prevention programs and services to the public in Regional Niagara.

Education

- Medical Degree.
- Fellowship with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Community Medicine or a Masters Degree in Public Health, Epidemiology or Community Medicine from a recognized university (as mandated by the Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1983 and Ontario Regulation 164/84 under same).

Knowledge

- 5 years' experience in Public Health environment.
- Experience in the leadership and management of Public Health Services in a municipal or government setting is preferred.
- Current license to independently practice medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.
- Knowledge of Health Protection and Promotion Act, OPHS and OPHOS.

Responsibilities

Provides support and medical expertise in the development and implementation of Public Health activities, programs and initiatives, managing multiple health portfolios, maintaining awareness of international and provincial developments in public health and advising on appropriate local responses.

- Identifies and reports on issues related to programs and services, policy changes and issues relevant to public health.
- Responds to inquiries from the public on health related issues, presenting information as required to the public through media releases, public forums, presentations, etc.
- Provides input on community health planning or public health issues, participating on cross-region boards and committees.
- Provides consultation and act as a resource with all divisional directors, middle management staff, regarding clinical policy development, medical issues or liaison with the physician community within the region.
- Provides advice on all relevant principles, standards and legislation.
- Serves as the primary media spokesperson for the department on issues as designated by the Medical Officer of Health.
- Assumes backup duties of the Medical Officer of Health, preparing for and attending a variety of senior management, Committee and Regional Council meetings and committees external to the Corporation (example, Ministry of Health meetings, etc.).

Provides more intensive medical advice and expertise in the management of public health issues in areas specific to assigned portfolios.

- Supports departmental achievements of Performance Indicators

Conducts or directs research on community health problems, preparing written papers for publication and presentation at public health or specialty conferences.

- Participates in the Public Health Department Physician Newsletter to provide local physicians with topics and public health information of interest and importance.

Participates with the Medical Officer of Health in a 24-hour on call system of coverage for the Public Health Department.

- Participates on the departmental emergency response team and in the event of declaration of a regional emergency, to assure comprehensive, timely and coordinated emergency response actions by the Public Health Department.
- Participates in regional corporate wide activities on a selective basis and with alignment with Public Health principles

Special Requirements

- May be required to support emergency operations under the incident management structure, at the direction of the Emergency Operations Centre Director.
- Regional staff strive to enable the strategic priorities of council and the organization through the completion of their work. Staff carry out their work by demonstrating the corporate values of service, honesty, choice, partnership and respect.

HOW TO APPLY

To view the full job description and requirements, visit our Careers page.

Job ID # 38119, linked here: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/government/hr/careers/>

Uncover the wonder of the Niagara Region and join a team dedicated to meeting tomorrow's challenges...today!

Let us know why you would be an excellent team member by submitting your online application no later than **March 15, 2024**, before midnight by visiting our 'Careers' page at www.niagararegion.ca . We thank all candidates for their interest however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.