ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES

• Carries out the duties prescribed in RCW 70.05.070
• Participates in assessing the health status of the community. Provides oversight on comprehensive studies of potentially systemic threats to public health; evaluates the causes of communicable diseases; determines appropriate evaluation and intervention strategies;
• Consults and collaborates with the medical community, hospital medical staff, other health care professionals, policy and advisory boards, and the public; develops and implements public health policy; develops regulations; and provides information and recommendations regarding public health issues and activities.
• Identifies emerging medical and environmental issues and confers with and makes recommendations to appropriate staff on health-related issues.

QUALIFICATIONS

• License to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of Washington
• Registration with the Drug Enforcement Agency for prescription of controlled substances
• Minimum of five years experience as a licensed practicing physician
• Masters of Public Health

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE

Must be an experienced physician with a passion for Public Health and desire to preserve, promote and improve the health of the Whatcom County community. Must have demonstrated leadership abilities including the ability to work effectively with both public and political stakeholders. Must be able to identify and evaluate health risks, respond appropriately to the risk and effectively communicate this information to the community.

Whatcom County seeks an experienced physician and proven leader to serve as the chief medical officer for Whatcom County. The Health Officer will provide guidance and recommendations for the Whatcom County Board of Health and take actions as necessary to educate the community on public health issues to control and prevent the spread of dangerous, contagious or infectious diseases. This important and highly visible position provides leadership while promoting and protecting the health of the community.

An Opportunity to Distinguish Yourself in Public Service and Make a Commitment to Whatcom County’s Future

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Earning national accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board in 2016, the Whatcom County Health Department strives to create a community where all people have opportunities to thrive in a safe and healthy environment. We envision Whatcom County as a place where children and adults are physically and mentally healthy; families are strong and self-sufficient; people have the opportunity to make healthy, active lifestyle choices, and live in safe environments, protected from disease and prepared for emergencies.

The Health Department is divided into five major divisions; Community Health, Communicable Disease & Epidemiology, Environmental Health, Human Services and Administration.

The Health Officer will serve as chief medical officer, reporting directly to the department Director. They are the visible medical authority for the community and will help keep the general public informed about health risks and management. Current work priorities are focused on providing public health leadership for Whatcom County related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information about the Whatcom County Health Department, visit: http://www.whatcomcounty.us/360/Health-Department.

BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Whatcom County, Washington, is truly “Someplace Special.” Nestled along the Canadian border, beautifully positioned between the San Juan Islands and the Cascade mountain range, our scenic community is made up of approximately 212,000 people. Seattle is 90 miles to the south and Vancouver, British Columbia, is 50 miles to the north. According to Money Magazine, Bellingham is the 5th best place to live in the West and ranked the 24th best place to live in the nation. Citizens of Whatcom County enjoy the breathtaking scenic beauty of coastlines, Bellingham Bay, Mount Baker and many spectacular parks and lakes. National Geographic Adventurer magazine named Bellingham among the “Top 10 Adventure Towns in America”. For more details about our wonderful community, visit Bellingham’s Chamber of Commerce website at www.bellingham.com