

## **Medical Officer Special Scale (MO) - Public Health - COVID-19 Response**

- Current NZMC registered PGY2+
- Dunedin 1.0 FTE
- Fixed-term (15-11-2021 - 31/12/2022)

Do you have an interest in Public Health? We have a role that offers you the opportunity to make your mark in enhancing the capabilities of our public health service within the Southern region. With ongoing requirements around the Public Health Covid-19 response, there will be many opportunities to extend your skillset! In this role, you will primarily provide support to our Public Health team at Southern DHB and our response to Covid-19.

Duties include supporting the Public Health response to Covid-19 notifications with the aim of ensuring that people affected by Covid-19 are well supported, and transmission and the impact of the virus is minimised. This includes supporting our Covid 19 Case and Contact Teams by providing clinical leadership and coaching for scoping, gathering of Case and Contact details from new Cases, undertaking risk assessment activities, developing Case Management Plans, leading case reviews, leading outbreaks, upskilling and coaching of team members. Other duties include providing clinical advice to clinicians, support nurses and health protection officers with assigned areas in support of PHS activities in the control of communicable diseases.

Due to the evolving support needed to manage Covid-19 responses, there is a requirement to participate in a seven-day roster to ensure that our Public Health SMOs are able to delegate clinical work and provide oversight of Covid teams and communicable disease.

Working at SDHB means active participation in a value based and inclusive organisation; therefore your leadership and coaching capabilities will play a part in scoping, gathering of new Case and Contact details, developing a Case Management Plan, lead case reviews, lead outbreaks, and upskilling and coaching of team members. You will be liaising with our local PHO regarding Covid-19 testing implementation and supporting Public Health staff in overseeing testing for border workers. Due to the evolving nature of Public Health Covid-19 response, the ability to cope with rapid change and remain calm and level-headed is key to this role!

### **About us**

We are growing and we have three offices across the district - Dunedin, Invercargill and Queenstown with 69 staff! It's the best time to join us as we are working through an exciting time. Our staff work collaboratively with our partners as we move toward using health in all policies approaches to address the determinants of health, reducing inequities and improving the health and wellbeing of our southern communities where they live, learn, work and play.

### **About Dunedin**

Dunedin is a great little city with a big town feel and well-known for its Southern Hospitality. Outside of work, you will find life in Dunedin to be very easy with its great schools, laid back lifestyle and world-famous wildlife on the Otago Peninsula. This compact yet vibrant regional city has plenty of energy, which is to be expected with it being a University town. This sustains great activities such as theatre, stunning gardens, art galleries, live-music and a diverse selection of restaurants and cafés. Central Otago is a notable holiday destination and many outdoor recreation opportunities are easily accessible from Dunedin.

### **About you**

You will already hold registration with the Medical Council of New Zealand under a general or vocational scope. A full driver's licence is essential and travel will be required.

**Closing date: Friday, 10 December 2021.**

We will be screening applications before the closing date to ensure we can start interviewing once the role closes on Friday, 10 December 2021 but this may be closed earlier.

For further information please contact Agatha Chen, Recruitment Advisor - Senior Medical Officers. Phone (03) 470 9604 or email: [agatha.chen@southerndhb.govt.nz](mailto:agatha.chen@southerndhb.govt.nz)

### **Covid vaccination requirements**

Following the update to COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021, to be employed with Southern DHB you will be required to be fully vaccinated as a health care worker. If you have already been fully vaccinated you will need to provide proof of this to Occupational Health staff. If you are not yet fully vaccinated you must make arrangements to undertake your first vaccination no later than the 15 November 2021 and be fully vaccinated, as required by the Order, by 1 January 2022.

### **Pre-employment checks**

**In the interests of protecting our people and our patients, all appointments will be subject to the following:**

- Occupational health assessment
- Police vetting / Ministry of Justice safety checks
- Serious misconduct checks (previous Public Service departments and statutory Crown entities only)

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### **To apply**

We only accept online applications. Please apply via our website:  
<https://career10.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=9223&company=southerndi>