

Migrant Health Education and Outreach Opportunity

A new opportunity for Students at CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy to assist the New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) in their efforts to provide health education and preventive health services to individuals and families in the NYC shelter system. Specifically, students will go door to door to educate about vaccinations and connect families to NYCDOHMH coordinated immunization efforts so that migrant children can attend school and be protected from vaccine preventable diseases. Activities include:

- Confirming if children and family members have immunization records,
- Educating families on need for documentation of immunizations to attend school,
- Escorting families to onsite vaccination events when applicable or scheduling families for healthcare and vaccination visits at offsite locations identified by NYC DOHMH,
- Answering questions about vaccinations and/or vaccine-preventable diseases with guidance from DOHMH, and
- Educating families on prevention of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Future assignments for student employees may include tuberculosis (TB) education in adult-only shelters, family education on environmental health issues such as lead poisoning, and education on maternal health/prenatal care.

Students will report to onsite DOHMH staff.

Students will be required to attend orientation and safety training, and a weekly Thursday meeting.

Ten (10) part-time positions are available initially; more may be added at a later date.

Basic Details:

- Project Period: March 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023 (extension possible).
- Available Hours/Shifts: Monday – Friday 3:00 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday approximately 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- In-person only at migrant shelters in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island and the Bronx.
- Rate of Pay: \$20/hour.

Qualification Requirements:

- Current CUNY SPH student
- Spanish fluency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.
- Available to work multiple weeks during the project period.
- Can provide proof of flu, COVID-19, MMR, and varicella vaccinations/varicella immunity.
- Ability to complete hiring paperwork quickly, including providing proof of student status as part-time or full-time from registrar's office.
- Comfortable working with and talking to children, and to parents about their children's health.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to interact professionally with people from diverse cultural, racial, ethnic, gender, and socioeconomic backgrounds during a

time of crisis and distress.

- Excellent organizational and communication skills.
- Critical thinking and sound judgment required.
- Ability to handle confidential information with discretion and professionalism.
- Ability to exhibit a professional, positive attitude and work ethic.
- Ability to show empathy and be nonjudgmental toward distressed individuals.
- Ability to adapt to change and work well under challenging circumstances.

Performance Expectations:

- Communicates in a professional and empathetic manner.
- Collects and records information according to standard operating procedures as outlined by NYC DOHMH.
- Vaccine positive attitude.
- Ability and willingness to follow approved scripts/talking points and protocols.
- Ability to incorporate feedback provided by supervisors.
- Protects and maintains individuals' privacy and confidentiality.
- Ability to understand the concepts of institutional and structural racism and bias and their impact on underserved and underrepresented communities.
- Have a demonstrated commitment to supporting communities who have experienced systemic oppression and bias (e.g., people of color, LGBTQ+ people, immigrants, justice involved persons, etc.)

To Apply:

Submit cover letter that includes information on shift preferences including availability and number of shifts per week you can work, Spanish fluency, and experience in community outreach or health education; resume; and proof of Flu, COVID-19, MMR, and varicella vaccination/immunity to Tierra Stephenson at Tierra.Stephenson@cuny.edu no later than April 10, 2023.