

Texas Department of State Health Services

Internship Description

Office of Practice and Learning DSHS Internships

Internship Title: Applied experience in mana enteric outbreaks in Texas	i-state	Preceptor Name, Title: Irina Cody, Foodborne/Waterborne Team Lead				
Location (City/Region): Austin area/Central TX - to meet in person at least couple times in Austin Brief Description	Emerging Disease Disease	g and Acute Unit (EAID	Program: and Acute Infectious nit (EAIDU) at the urveillance and ogy (DSE)		In Person: □None ⊠Occasionally □Frequently □Fully	
Summer is a very busy season for enteric outbreaks and clusters in TX, especially for Salmonella. As part of this internship, a student will assist the FB/WB team in managing 2 or 3 multi-state Salmonella outbreaks reported within the summer of 2025 from the moment it's reported to public health, learning the internal processes on outbreak next steps, assist with receiving and analyzing epi information, communicating the information to LHD (local health departments), attending conference calls with the CDC and other steps as needed since every outbreak can be different. A student will also assist with Salmonella case reviews in NBS database and will create a flowchart for enteric disease case definitions as a helpful guide for epidemiologists to classify cases as part of enteric disease surveillance. Hours/Week:						
Disciplines						
□ Research/Data Analytics		⊠ Epidem	iology	□Н	lealth Promotion	
$\hfill\Box$ Communication/Marketing		□ Prograr	n Evaluation	□Н	lealth Administration	
☐ Environmental Health		☐ Biostati	stics			
☐ Policy Analysis and Deve	☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.					
Internship Details						

Intern Activities

- Learn about enteric outbreaks detection and reporting in Texas and also about enteric disease case classification
- Assist with managing different databases for cases in reported multi-state Salmonella outbreaks (linelists, NBS, etc)

• Communicate with public health partners (local health departments, CDC, state laboratory, etc) as part of the response to the outbreak (e.g. emails, attending conference calls)

Intern Deliverables

- A student will create a flowchart for enteric diseases case definitions as a helpful guide for epidemiologists to classify cases
- A student will create a report analyzing 5- or 10-year-trend in Salmonella outbreaks in TX during a summer season
- A student will assist to manage a certain number of Salmonella outbreaks reported in summer 2025 from the beginning to the end.

As part of an end-of-semester celebration of the interns, the intern will give a brief PowerPoint or poster presentation of their project and experience to an audience of DSHS staff and university partners.

Applicant Qualifications

Required	Skill							
	⊠ Word							
	⊠ Excel							
	☐ Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)							
	☐ Tableau or similar applications							
	☐ Other software applications							
	Academic Level – intermediate to advanced							
	Any other skills required (soft or technical)							
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Preferred	Skill							
	☐ Microsoft Office:							
	□ Word							
	□ Excel							
	☐ PowerPoint							
	☐ Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)							
☐ Tableau or similar applications								
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