



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF

HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

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Dear Residency Program Applicants:

Welcome to the world of public health! The field of preventive medicine offers a unique opportunity to explore medicine beyond the individual patient encounter and to work through macro solutions to improve health, achieve equity and improve lives. The New York City Health Department is a leader in this effort, and strives to eliminate health inequities and ensure that every New Yorker has an opportunity to achieve their highest level of health.

The comprehensive training offered at the Health Department's Public Health/Preventive Medicine Residency Program enables physicians from all clinical backgrounds to serve as leaders in public health and clinical and preventive medicine. Housed at one of the nation's oldest public health departments, the residency program combines practical field experience with academic work toward a master of public health (MPH) degree in an urban public health setting.

The Health Department offers a rich learning environment, as it serves the most densely populated and culturally diverse major city in the United States. Residents learn from experts across the public health spectrum, including specialists in disease control, environmental health, chronic disease prevention, maternal and child health, and emergency preparedness. Special programs and offices, such as the World Trade Center Health Registry, Primary Care Information Project and the Center for Health Equity, offer unique opportunities for trainees to engage in an array of experiences in community and population health.

Our program graduates have gone on to hold leadership positions in governmental public health, international health, academia and clinical preventive medicine. We encourage you to come explore our residency program website to learn more about our program, and to visit the Health Department website to learn more about the many bureaus designed to meet the unique health needs of New Yorkers. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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