

Seasonal Arbovirus Technician

Manages the day-to-day care of the District's sentinel chickens and collects data from sentinel chicken testing

- Feeds and waters the District's sentinel chickens as needed
- Cleans and maintains the sentinel chicken rearing facilities in accordance to the maintenance checklist schedule
- Collects blood from the sentinel chickens and records data in field journal
- Prepares the collected blood samples for analysis by centrifuging blood separating the sera from the blood cells and removing the sera to vials for LCMCD and state laboratories
- Sends processed sera to state laboratory
- Examines new chickens and/or other animals for diseases, including coccidiosis and ensures all appropriate vaccinations are completed prior to introduction into the existing population
- Rides in helicopters or drives to locations around the county to manage LCMCD animals
- Cleans and maintains the sentinel chicken cages, watering, and feeding containers.
- Cleans and maintains the chicken rearing facility according to the maintenance schedule to include periodic soil replacement, cobweb removal, pressure wash wall surfaces, other cleaning duties as assigned by Manager, Scientific Intelligence
- Works closely with the Manager, Scientific Intelligence to prepare for the arrival of the summer flock
- Inputs and updates sentinel chicken information in MapVision and state laboratory database
- Responsible for wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Qualifications:

- Valid Class E FL Driver's License with a clean driving record
- Must have an ability to ride in helicopters
- Must have basic computer skills and have the ability to learn and operate internal, web based, GPS and mapping programs including entering data into phone Apps and databases
- Must be able to read and understand technical instructions in English
- General knowledge of the basic care and treatment of farm animals
- Must be comfortable handling blood on a frequent basis
- Ability to operate a variety of small equipment including but not limited to pressure washer, chain saw, weed whacker, rototiller or tractor
- Must be able to work on weekends as required in addition to normal schedule
- Must pass the CORE and Public Health exams within six months of hire and be able to maintain certification by earning appropriate CEU's (continuing education units)

The pay is \$13.40 per hour. This is a seasonal, non-benefit eligible position and will not last longer than six months.

To apply: **Submit an employment application** to hr@lcmcd.org or follow the application instructions at <https://www.lcmcd.com/careers/job-information/>. This position is open until filled.

DFW/EOE