

Expression of Interest

Immunisation Program Nurse – Remote and Indigenous communities

Short term assignment to support a community vaccination program during November and/or December 2017

Expressions of interest are invited for Immunisation Program Nurses or Registered Nurses experienced in providing vaccinations to children for a short term assignment, minimum of 5 days. The role will conduct immunisation clinics as part of a targeted meningococcal ACWY program in remote towns and Indigenous communities during November and December.

Background

There has been a significant outbreak of meningococcal W disease in remote central Australia affecting Aboriginal communities, particularly children.

In response, the Queensland Department of Health is implementing a targeted meningococcal ACWY immunisation program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children 1 to 19 years of age, in communities that are at high risk of meningococcal W disease due to their cultural, geographical or mobility links with the current outbreak location. Areas of priority are in North West Queensland, Cape York and Torres Strait. Clinics are expected to be held over November and December 2017.

Previous experience in working in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities particularly in North West Queensland, Cape York and Torres Strait would be highly desirable.

The successful candidates will:

- Conduct immunisation clinics for Indigenous communities as organised by the Townsville Public Health Unit and Mt Isa Hospital and Health Service or by the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service.

Requirements

Immunisation Program Nurse (IPN)

- Provide proof of authorisation/qualification as an IPN in Queensland.
- Have experience administering vaccinations to children of all ages.
- Be prepared to travel to remote communities for a minimum of 5 days at a time.

Registered Nurse (RN)

- Have experience in working with standing drug orders.
- Have experience administering vaccinations to children of all ages.
- Be prepared to travel to remote communities for a minimum of 5 days at a time.

Further reading

Flights and accommodation will be organised through the local Public Health Units.

Your application will be forwarded to the Townsville Public Health Unit and/or the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service and you will be advised by them if and when you will be deployed.

For further information, please contact Karen Heel via (07)3328 9746 / 0427672713.

If you are interested in applying, please discuss this opportunity with your Supervisor as a matter of urgency to seek approval for your release from your current work area.

EOI required by COB Friday 17th November 2017 to CDU.IMT@health.qld.gov.au.