CONTACT TRACING CHW-250

WEI Sponsored Program

The Workforce Equity Initiative (WEI) project is funded through ICCB to support qualified participants through the completion of short-term educational opportunities leading to employment. Benefits of the grant include financial and technology assistance, tutoring, academic and employment advising, and more. Email workforceequity@ssc.edu or visit ssc.edu/wei for more information.

Start Date: March 15, 2021
Course Length: 8 weeks
Virtual Class Session through Zoom
On-line Assignments through D2L
Employment Opportunities:
bls.gov/covid19/home.htm

This course provides an overview of contact tracing investigations to meet the demand of the growing public health workforce for Contact Tracing Investigators. The course will provide training on the basics of disease transmission, the principles behind case isolation and quarantine of contacts as a public health measure, the ethics around public health data collection and use, risk communication, cultural sensitivity, health equity and the basics of data collection for COVID-19 and other communicable diseases where contact tracers are needed.



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At the conclusion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Discuss symptoms of COVID-19 and how it is transferred.
- Provide a brief overview of measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.
- Define contact tracing, historical uses and explain why it is important.
- State the goals of a contact tracing investigation and determine when it is necessary.
- ☑ Identify source cases and contacts.
- ☑ Outline best practices to conduct an efficient contact tracing investigation.
- ☑ Communicate and conduct contact tracing investigation interviews.
- ☑ Evaluate the data collected and the activities conducted.
- ☑ Outline performance goals for public health workers in contact tracing investigations.
- Understand how culture and equity affects contact tracing.