Data for Action – even more important in the pandemic

The continuous monitoring of health, health threats and diseases in the population through the collection, analysis and communication of reliable data and information is one of the core tasks of the RKI. The importance of this task has become even more evident in the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to the WHO definition of Public health surveillance, the main tasks are the early detection of imminent health threats, the monitoring and epidemiological assessment of health problems and the observation of effects of interventions, as well as the achievement of objectives.

As the national Public health institute of Germany, the Robert Koch Institute aims at further developing the national Public health monitoring system that is intended to consider all aspects of health and their respective indicators. Based on its extensive experience in monitoring infectious diseases and conducting studies to examine population health, covering non-communicable diseases, health-related behavior and contextual factors, the RKI is constantly engaged in further strengthening and integrating these monitoring systems.

Therefore, this year’s Robert Koch Colloquium focuses on various aspects such as the conceptual framework for population-based health surveillance, the operational implementation of surveillance and monitoring systems and the target group-specific analysis, evaluation and communication of the data obtained. Internationally recognised experts report on their experiences with surveillance systems for communicable and non-communicable diseases and their use in a national and international context.

May 19th at 4 p.m.
Daniel Hugh Chisholm (WHO, Copenhagen)
Mental Health Surveillance

May 26th at 4 p.m.
Lucia Pastore Celentano (ECDC, Stockholm)
Public Health Surveillance and Immunisation

June 2nd at 12 p.m.
Tim Dallman (PHE, London)
Molecular Surveillance of infectious diseases

June 9th at 4 p.m.
Justine Fitzpatrick (PHE, London)
Public Health Surveillance Framework

June 23th at 4 p.m.
Petronille Bogaert (Sciensano, Brussels)
Public Health Surveillance and Information

The one-hour lecture followed by Q & A will be broadcast on RKI’s YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDGaa4l_jkBAlD77RlRJg/videos?view_as=subscriber).

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