



Slimību profilakses un kontroles centrs

## About SPKC

### Mission

The Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (CDPC) of Latvia was established on 1st April 2012 by Cabinet of Ministers of Latvia. Centre is supervised by Ministry of Health ([www.vm.gov.lv](http://www.vm.gov.lv)). It is seated in the capital city - Riga, Latvia.

CDPC of Latvia goals are to strengthen Latvia's public health system, prevent diseases, including infectious and rare diseases.

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### Functions of The Center for Disease Prevention and Control:

- to perform epidemiological surveillance and monitoring of infectious diseases, registration, investigation thereof, collection of statistical data on infectious diseases, to organize measures for prevention of infectious diseases and limiting the spread thereof;
- to participate in the management of emergencies and prevention of epidemic (pandemic) threats;
- to plan, coordinate and monitor implementation of the immunization program, to plan vaccination of the population, to compile vaccine orders by bodies responsible for vaccination and prepare vaccine orders for medicinal product wholesalers, to provide vaccination monitoring and preparation of statistical data, to perform epidemiological investigation of cases of vaccination related complications;
- to establish and develop a national information and monitoring systems for HIV, HBV, HCV and other infections and coordinate the operation of the referred-to system;
- to organize storage, inventory and distribution of immunobiological preparations to medical treatment institutions;
- to cooperate with State and local government authorities, non-governmental organizations, individuals and international authorities in the field of epidemiological safety by providing exchange of information and experience, training and implementation of joint projects;
- to ensure cooperation with the World Health Organization, the European Commission, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and public health authorities of other countries in the epidemiological surveillance issues of infectious diseases and other epidemiological safety issues, to provide maintenance of the functioning of the Early Warning and Response System and its coordination in the State;
- to develop methodological recommendations and provide methodological support to medical treatment institutions, local governments and other authorities in the field of epidemiological safety;
- to acquire, compile, process and analyse statistical information on public health and health care;
- to perform the public health monitoring;
- to ensure the function of the State specialised centre for the membership in the European information network on drugs and drug addiction (*Reitox*) maintained by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction;
- to exchange information about risk-assessment and control of new psychoactive substances, to ensure the information exchange between the State specialized centre and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction on the production, illicit trafficking and use of new psychoactive substances and preparations containing new psychoactive substances;
- monitor non-infectious diseases, as well as to evaluate the environmental factors which may affect the health of the population.

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