Museum at the Robert Koch Institute

The Public Health Visitor Center

Opening hours
Due to renovation work, the RKI Museum is temporarily closed.

Tickets
Free entrance

Offers for schools and visitor groups
Guided tours for school and other visitor groups of max. 10 persons are possible on Mondays and Tuesdays following registration (in German and English, other languages upon enquiry). This group size allows for keeping a minimum distance of 1.5 m. The use of a mouth-nose-covering is necessary. For more information about special exhibitions and events check out our website www.rki.de/museum-en.

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The Robert Koch Institute (RKI) oversees the health of the general population – Public Health. Here, scientists focus their research on disease while assessing risks and recommending ways on how to protect and improve the health of those living in Germany.

A special feature of the RKI is its newly designed museum which was showcased to the public in December 2017. It features an interactive visitor concept for different target audiences. The museum is located at RKI’s historic site in Berlin-Wedding.

The physician and microbiologist Robert Koch worked here for several years and together with his colleagues, developed and published numerous groundbreaking findings on pathogens and their epidemiology. This earned him and his institute international recognition. After his death in 1910, he was buried in a mausoleum built especially for him at the institute.

Today, the museum at RKI has successfully developed into a public health visitor center. Visitors can learn about important and current public health topics including health and prevention research; all this via media installations.

How has the idea of health and disease changed since Robert Koch? How does the institute determine risks and protective factors for health in the 21st century? What is the significance of the discoveries of Robert Koch and his students today?

Across 180 m², exhibits depicting the current activities of the Robert Koch Institute as well as historic elements from Robert Koch’s day are on display – spanning from a 19th century incubator to a protective bodysuit out of a modern high-safety laboratory. The mausoleum is also open to visitors.

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