

## **RIGHT TO HEALTH IN THE TIMES OF PANDEMIC (THE CASE OF SERBIA)**

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**ABSTRACT :** *Health is the most beautiful gift that nature gives us, and viruses are the most serious threat to humanity. Since ancient times many infections have tormented the people in our area. It is believed that the first quarantine in history was introduced in the Balkans, in the 14th century during the fight against the black plague. During the Great War in 1914, Serbia faced an epidemic of typhus, and in 1972, the epidemic of smallpox in Serbia ended, and our anti-epidemic struggle was assessed by international institutions as successful. In the Republic of Serbia, amendments to the Law on Protection of the Population from Infectious Diseases were adopted in 2015. The Law on Health Care of Serbia, as the basic law in the legal system of Serbia, regulated the entire system of health care. The Institute for Public Health, established for the territory of the Republic of Serbia, coordinates the implementation of epidemiological monitoring on the territory of the Republic and issues expert instructions for epidemiological monitoring for infectious diseases and special health issues. The year is 2020, the viral epidemic is conquering Serbia as well. Along with the relevant national regulations, the paper presents the chronology of infectious diseases in the world and in our country until today's pandemic, which changed our lives. The race for development, production and application of the Covid 19 vaccine around the world continues with increasing of research in centers around the world.*

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