

Your data and RIVM

You are considering getting vaccinated against monkeypox. This vaccination is registered by the Municipal Health Service (GGD).

RIVM will receive information about your vaccination too, if you consent.

This is important, because:

- It will ensure that RIVM is aware of which groups of people have been given the monkeypox vaccine. It will enable RIVM to monitor whether the designated risk groups are being reached in all regions.
- RIVM will also use this information to study how well the vaccine is working.

During your appointment, the healthcare worker will ask you whether you agree to your data being shared with RIVM. You will sign a consent form for this. If you do not agree to your data being shared with RIVM, you will still be able to go ahead and get vaccinated.

What information does RIVM want?

- Patient number at the GGD
- Year of birth
- Sex
- Postcode (4 digits only)
- Whether or not you have a Citizen Service Number
- The reason for you having been invited for the vaccination, i.e. the risk group that you are in
- Date and location of your vaccination(s)
- Batch number of your vaccine
- Whether or not you have had any contact with someone who was infected with monkeypox
- Whether or not you were given a smallpox vaccine as a child
- Whether or not you have any problems with your immune system

The following data will *not* be shared with RIVM:

- Citizen Service Number
- Name
- Street name and house/flat number
- Telephone number
- Email address

How and for what purpose(s) will RIVM process your data?

Your data will be used for the purposes of monitoring safety, combating monkeypox, researching the vaccine's efficacy, monitoring and evaluating the vaccination programme, and scientific research. RIVM is entitled to process your data on the basis of its statutory duty to carry out research on and to prevent and combat infectious diseases. Your data will be processed in such a way that it can never be traced to individual people if published. In principle, RIVM will store your data for 20 years. This period could be shorter or longer if it is necessary for the objectives described above.

Your rights

You have the right to view or correct the data that RIVM holds on you or to have it deleted. To this end, please get in touch with RIVM. Please note that in practice you can only exercise your rights where the data that RIVM holds can be traced back to you. Within the scope of this data processing, RIVM will not be recording any directly identifying data on you. If you get in touch for this purpose and RIVM is unable to match any data that it is processing to you personally, RIVM will be unable to pursue the matter further.

Further information

If you would like to find out more about the use of your data and your rights, please see <https://www.rivm.nl/en/monkeypox/vaccination/privacy>

