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Privacy statement HPV

HPV stands for Human Papillomavirus and is a virus that you usually do not notice, but the virus is very contagious. The virus can cause several types of cancer; Cervical cancer is the most common.

The virus can be transmitted through hands, skin or mouth if you have sex with someone who is infected. HPV is common. The person you are with can carry the virus without even knowing it. And then you can also become infected. For more information, see: <https://www.rivm.nl/en/hpv-vaccination>

Purpose HPV

Protection girls and boys against HPV. The HPV vaccination protects for approximately 95% against long-term HPV infections and (pre-stages of) cancer caused by HPV types 16 and 18. For more information, see: <https://rijksvaccinatieprogramma.nl/en/vaccinations/hpv>

Does GGD Groningen process personal data and is so, which ones?

When performing its (legal) tasks in the field of the national vaccination program, including the HPV vaccination, GGD Groningen uses personal data. We need this information to properly perform the tasks assigned to us. We need the following personal data:

- Name and address details;
- Your gender;
- Date of birth and/or age;
- Your identification number such as the Citizen Service Number (BSN) or Alien Number (V-number);
- Contact details, such as your telephone number and email address;
- Medical data, to determine whether you can receive a vaccination;
- Information about the vaccina you receive; vaccine name and vaccine number;
- Appointment date and appointment location;
- Name of your doctor.

Legal basis for execution HPV

Algemene Verordening Persoonsgegevens (AVG) artikel 6 lid 1 onder a en b, artikel 9 lild 2 onder a en h en artikel 22 lid 4

(General Personal Data Regulation (GDPR) article 6 paragraph 1 under a and b, article 9 paragraph 2 under a and h and article 22 paragraph 4)

The HPV vaccination is carried out with consent of the person concerned. Participation is not mandatory.

The catch-up campaign that took place in 2022 and 2023 concerned a public task and/or a task of general interest.

Wet publieke gezondheid (Wpg) artikel 6 e.v.

(Public Health Act, article 6 et seq.)

This law stipulates that the GGD is responsible for the national vaccination program. This law provides the legal framework for how to act.

Wet aanvullende bepalingen verwerking persoonsgegevens in de zorg (Wabvpz) artikel 5 en 6

(Additional Provisions for the Processing of Personal Data in Healthcare, articles 5 and 6)

This law stipulates that the GGD is obliged to request and register you BSN for vaccinations. This is because GGD is a healthcare provider and because the vaccination is a medical procedure.

Wet op de Geneeskundige Behandelingsovereenkomst (WGBO) (Medical Treatment Agreement Act)

This law sets out how personal data collected by GGD Groningen in the context of HPV vaccination may be handled. For example, the law determines which data we may collect and how long we may be keeping it.

With whom does GGD Groningen share the (personal) data?

- GGD GHOR Nederland (The Netherlands Municipal Public Health Services and Medical Assistance in Accidents and Disasters);
- IT-provider of the iHPV (Topicus) application and its subprocessors;
- The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), if you have given permission for this.

How does GGD Groningen protect (personal) data?

GGD Groningen takes appropriate measures to prevent misuse, loss, unauthorized access, and other unwanted actions with personal data. These measures are in accordance with the law and applicable security standards.

How long will we retain (personal) data?

Personal data is no longer kept than strictly necessary or legally prescribed. The data that we process in the context of HPV is stored in accordance with the Wet op de Geneeskundige Behandelingsovereenkomst (Medical Treatment Agreement Act (WGBO)).

Medical data belonging to the youth health file will be kept for 20 years from the age of 18. This concerns the HPV vaccination administered before the age of 18.

Medical data belonging to the medical file will be kept for at least 20 years. This period starts with the latest change in the file. This concerns the HPV vaccination administered after the age of 18.

What rights do I have?

Right to information

The right to receive information about the processing of your (personal) data.

Right to be forgotten

The right to have you (personal) data deleted, in a number of cases.

Right of access

The right to view your (personal) data.

Right to rectification

The right to have your (personal) data amended or supplemented.

Right to restriction of processing

The right to ask GGD Groningen to limit the use of your (personal) data.

Right to data portability

The right to have your personal data transferred to yourself or another organization, in a number of cases.

Right to object

The right to object to the processing of your (personal) data.



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For the exercise of these rights, see: <https://ggdgroningen.nl/privacy/aanvraag-verwerking-persoonsgegevens/>

Questions, comments, or complaints?

Do you have questions and/or comments about the processing of your (personal) data? Then contact the Privacy Officer of GGD Groningen. U can do this via the email address: privacy@ggdgroningen.nl or by calling +31 088 254 1000.

You can also file a complaint with the complaints officer of GGD Groningen. This can be done via [the online complaint form](#). In addition, you can also send an email to the email address: klachten@ggdgroningen.nl or send a letter to the address below.

GGD Groningen
Attn: The Complaints Officer
Postbus 584
9700 AN Groningen

If you have filed a complaint and are not satisfied with the handling, you can contact the Data Protection Officer of GGD Groningen by sending an email to: fg@ggdgroningen.nl or by calling +31 088 254 1000.

Have we handled your complaint and you do not agree with the outcome or how your complaint was handled? Then you can lodge a complaint about this with the Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens: [Submitting a tip-off or a complaint to the AP | Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens](#)

Modification

If necessary, we will adjust this privacy statement. For example, if something changes in who processes personal data of which personal data we use.

We last updated this privacy statement on 29 January 2026.