

Privacy statement: survey COVID-19 vaccination status

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The Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (hereinafter: **VU**) attaches great importance to the protection of your privacy and the security of your personal data. In this privacy statement we describe how we handle your personal data in the survey about COVID-19 vaccination willingness of VU students. We process your personal data in accordance with applicable privacy legislation, including the General Data Protection Act (GDPR) and the General Data Protection Implementation Act.

1. Who is responsible for the processing of my personal data?

Stichting VU is responsible for the data processing operations described in this privacy statement. Stichting VU maintains the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam as a privately run university in accordance with the Higher Education and Research Act of The Netherlands ('*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*'). Stichting VU has its registered office at De Boelelaan 1105 in (1081 HV) Amsterdam and is registered with the Chamber of Commerce under number 53815211.

2. What (categories of) personal data will be processed?

When you fill in the specific questions we will process the following personal data:

- a. Age;
- b. Education;
- c. Heritage (EU or non-EU);
- d. Gender;
- e. Willingness to test for COVID-19;
- f. Vaccination status of COVID-19;
- g. Whether you have ever had COVID-19;
- h. Your opinion about the COVID-19 policy; and
- i. Date, time and duration of filling in the survey.

3. For which purposes are my personal data processed, and on the basis of which legal grounds?

The personal data will only be used for the following purposes:

- Research by the VU on COVID-19 and the willingness to vaccinate and test; and
- Policy-making of the VU regarding COVID-19. Policy will only be made on basis of the aggregated anonymous results of the survey.

We process your personal data on the basis of the following legal grounds:

- You have given consent (article 6.1a and 9.2a GDPR) to the processing of your personal data. In that case you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by contacting us via the contact details below.
- If you want to withdraw your consent later, we will ask until which question you have completed the survey so that we can remove your answers from the dataset. Therefore, make sure that you keep track of this for yourself.

4. Who has access to my personal data?

The personal data will only be accessed by the involved researchers of the VU.

5. Will my personal data be shared with third parties?

When processing your personal data, we use service providers (processors) who process your personal data on behalf of and under the responsibility of the VU. The VU concludes processing agreements with these service providers to ensure that your personal data is processed carefully, securely and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We remain solely responsible for these processing activities.

The survey is carried out by means of services provided by Qualtrics LLC. The data is stored in Research Drive, a service of SURF B.V.

Your personal data will not be shared with other parties. Should this be the case at any time, we will inform you of this. We only disclose personal data to third parties to the extent permitted by privacy law, for example because you have given your prior consent or we are legally obliged to do so.

6. Will my personal data be transferred to countries outside of the European Economic Area?

Yes, your personal data will be transferred to countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA). The EEA includes all EU countries plus Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland.

The survey is conducted through Qualtrics. The provider of Qualtrics is based in the United States of America. The VU and Qualtrics have contractual arrangements in place to ensure that your personal data is protected. So called [Standard Contractual Clauses](#) have been used for this purpose. A copy of this can be requested via the Data Protection Officer.

7. For how long will my personal data be retained?

We will not retain your personal data for longer than is necessary to achieve the predetermined purposes or as long as required by law.

The collected data will be destroyed 10 years after the study is published. The data will be retained in order to, if necessary, repeat the study.

8. How will my personal data be secured?

The VU takes appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect your personal data against loss and any form of unlawful processing. The staff involved with the data processing are bound to secrecy and the used IT systems are appropriately secured.

9. Who can I contact with questions about the processing of my personal data?

You can ask questions about how we process your personal data via m.camposponce@vu.nl or m.vander.hoeven@vu.nl.

10. How can I exercise my privacy rights?

On the basis of the GDPR you have the right – under certain conditions – to access your personal data that we process, to correct your personal data if it contains factual inaccuracies, to delete your personal data, to limit the processing of your personal data, to portability of your personal data and to object to the processing of your personal data.

If you wish to exercise any of these privacy rights, you can contact the Data Protection Officer of VU Amsterdam via:

Data Protection Officer
De Boelelaan 1105
1081 HV AMSTERDAM
functionarisgegevensbescherming@vu.nl

To be able to deal with your request, you may be asked to provide proof of identity. In this way it will be verified that the request has been made by the right person. If you are not satisfied with the way in which we deal with your personal data, you have the right to submit a complaint with a supervisory authority.
