

# Theme

## Climate change and health

**We contribute to a healthy climate, now and in the future**

***RIVM supports policy processes and policy implementation for a healthy living environment in a changing climate. To this end, RIVM offers expertise, data and instruments, thereby contributing to climate and health policies at the local, regional and (inter)national level.***

RIVM provides answers to society's questions through research into the effects of climate change and climate measures on human health.

The 2015 Paris agreement contains commitments to limit further global warming. The societal challenge related to climate change and health is based on this. We define it as "*protecting and promoting the health of people throughout society with regard to climate change and climate measures.*"

RIVM contributes to this by providing information about the health effects of:

- a changing climate,
- measures to combat climate change (mitigation),
- measures to limit the effects of climate change (adaptation).

RIVM also outlines options for policies and for actions and makes data and instruments available. These can help governments to make integrated assessments regarding climate, health and environmental policies.

In the coming years RIVM will work on:

1. Translating knowledge and research on the health effects of climate change for the benefit of the public and governments.
2. Developing instruments to promote health in relation to climate (measures), in collaboration with others.

3. Implementation research into solutions, in collaboration with other parties.
4. Strengthening national and international cooperation to synergize knowledge acquisition on the health effects of climate change.

This is in line with the RIVM2025 mission: RIVM, 1) plays a relevant role at the heart of Dutch society, 2) is prepared for the questions of today and tomorrow, 3) works from local to international, 4) has professionals in all relevant knowledge areas.



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