

WTC HEALTH PROGRAM

Responders

Who is eligible?

- A worker or volunteer who performed rescue, recovery, demolition, debris cleanup or related support services in lower Manhattan (south of Canal St), the Staten Island Landfill, or the barge loading piers;
- A member of the Police Department of New York City (active or retired) or a member of the Port Authority Police of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (active or retired) who participated onsite in rescue, recovery, debris cleanup, or related services in lower Manhattan (south of Canal St), including Ground Zero, the Staten Island Landfill, or the barge loading piers;
- An employee of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of New York City involved in the examination and handling of human remains from the World Trade Center attacks, or other morgue worker who performed similar post-September 11 functions for such Office staff;
- A worker in the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation Tunnel;
- A vehicle-maintenance worker who was exposed to debris from the former World Trade Center while retrieving, driving, cleaning, repairing, and maintaining vehicles contaminated by airborne toxins from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

What You Need:

- 1. Your work or volunteer activity at the former World Trade Center site(s),
- 2. Your location at the former World Trade Center site(s), and
- 3. The time period that you were working or volunteering at the site(s)

Examples of acceptable supporting documentation include copies of:

 A letter from your employer or union stating that you participated in WTCrelated activities on or after September 11, 2001

- A memo book for New York City police officers, including a copy of the cover page, that documents the times and hours worked at World Trade Center site(s)
- An award or letter given by the local, state, or national government, including military awards or letters that commend your WTC activities
- o A letter from the Workers' Compensation Board that reports a paid and/or active worker's compensation claim for your World Trade Center activities
- Timesheets or overtime reports that show the day(s), hours worked, and location(s) of World Trade Center activities

If you cannot get copies of these supporting documents, please write a short report and send it in with your form. In the report, explain:

- How you tried to find documentation of what you did
- Why you cannot include documentation with your application
- A third party attestation on why you could not get any additional documentation.

Application Process:

- 1) Mail completed and signed application with documentations (government ID, optional but may delay review process if not submitted) to the address/fax listed below
- 2) Application and documentation is reviewed for eligibility and completeness
- 3) Every name is run against Homeland Security Watch List
- 4) Eligibility is confirmed or denied
- 5) <u>Clinical Center of Excellence selected</u>
- 6) Health screening appointment is made by the clinical center site
- 7) If denied, there is an appeals process

Application and documentation mailed/faxed to:

World Trade Center Health Program PO Box 7000

Rensselaer, NY 12144 FAX: 1-877-646-5308

Do you have questions? For more information, call:

VOICES/Mental Health of NYC

Help Line

855-709-0100, 203-594-9787