

WTC Federal Responder Medical Screening Program

For Further Information:

To enroll in the medical screening go to <https://wtcophep.rti.org> and select "Enroll in Program"

For questions about enrollment or this website, please contact RTI International at 1-866-214-2040 or WTCFedResponders@rti.org.

For questions about the medical screening program, scheduling or rescheduling appointments, and results, please contact, Federal Occupational Health (FOH), a service unit within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-888-261-1292.

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Since the World Trade Center disaster, many people have expressed concerns about the possibility of health effects associated with the events of that day and the resultant smoke and debris. In response to these concerns, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (OPHEP) to medically screen current federal employees who were involved in rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations. RTI International, a nonprofit research firm, is assisting OPHEP in locating and contacting potentially eligible individuals.

What is the WTC Federal Responder Screening Program?

In response to concerns about the possibility of health effects associated with the events of 9/11, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided funds to The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (OPHEP) to medically screen current Federal employees who responded to the WTC site or Staten Island recovery operation. This screening is designed to detect adverse health effects resulting from the response to 9/11. This

program is an important public health initiative that will allow health professionals to track and investigate possible trends in illness and recovery.

Each individual's participation in the medical screening is entirely voluntary. The medical screening is provided at no cost. Even if you are healthy and have not experienced any difficulties resulting from 9/11, it is important that you enroll. Your medical exam will serve as a health assessment baseline in the event that problems related to this exposure are identified in the future.



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Who can enroll in the WTC Federal Responder Screening Program?

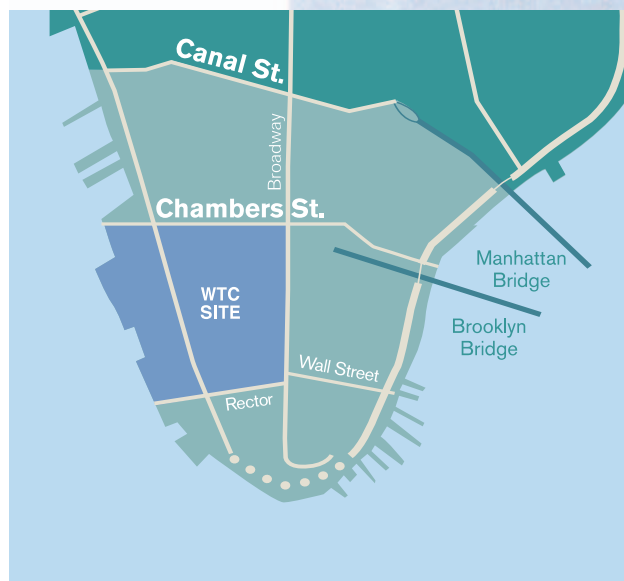
You should enroll for the medical screening program if you are a current employee of the federal government who was involved in rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations at the World Trade Center (WTC) site or at the debris handling operations on Staten Island for at least one shift any time between September 11, 2001 and September 10, 2002. Please note that the boundaries for the WTC site are: Chambers Street to the North, Rector Street or Rector Place to the South, Broadway to the East, and the Hudson River to the West. If you meet these criteria, we urge you to enroll in the program by registering at our website:

<https://wtcophep.rti.org>. By enrolling, you play an important part in helping us understand the full health impact of 9/11.

"All federal responders are encouraged to enroll in the program via the website, although medical screening may not be available for employees who are no longer working for the federal government and/or are retired. It is important that all current and former federal responders enroll, however, as future medical screening programs may come available."

How will the Medical Screening Program help?

This screening is designed to detect adverse health effects resulting from the response to 9/11. The purpose of the medical screening program is to serve as a comprehensive health assessment baseline for federal workers not otherwise eligible for any other existing program. "The results from the screening program will also establish a confidential database of medical test results from federal responders."



What will the Medical Screening Exam involve?

The medical screening exam will take about two hours. The screening will include a full physical medical exam, chest x-ray, standard lab work (blood/urine), pulmonary function test (test of lung function), and mental health assessment.

Will my results from the Screening Program be kept private and confidential

YES. The information provided by all responders, whether they are eligible or not, is kept strictly confidential. The information you provide in the FEMA Post WTC Response Medical Questionnaire and the results of your screening exam will be combined into one medical record and reviewed by an FOH physician. A letter explaining the medical findings and any recommendations will be sent to you. FOH will not release your medical record or findings to anyone but you. You may share these results with your personal physician, should you choose to do so. FOH will securely store all federal responder questionnaires and exam results for a length of employment plus 30 years.

How can I enroll

To enroll in the program, simply log on to our website: <https://wtcophep.rti.org>, and select "Enroll in Program." A form will appear where you will fill in your name and contact information.

After you register online, a WTC Federal Medical Screening Program staff member will contact you to arrange an examination at a location convenient for you. The examination will be provided to you at no cost. Prior to your examination, you will need to print and complete the FEMA Post WTC Response Medical Questionnaire shown at the bottom of the website <https://wtcophep.rti.org> and bring it with you to your appointment. FOH has contracted with Logistics Health, Inc. (LHI) to schedule participants and implement the screening program. Within 10 days of your enrollment on the website, LHI will contact you to arrange the screening. LHI will schedule exams within 50 miles of each federal employee at an FOH clinic, or if there is none within 50 miles, then at a private provider. "Results will likely be sent to you within approximately one month of your medical appointment. If further diagnostics are needed, two months may be required before results are sent."

"Enrollment in the Medical Screening Exam is free and you will receive a copy of your medical tests results."