

# WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM

## National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health



The **World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program** is a Division in the **National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)**. The WTC Health Program was established when the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 became law in January 2011.

### Monitoring and Treatment

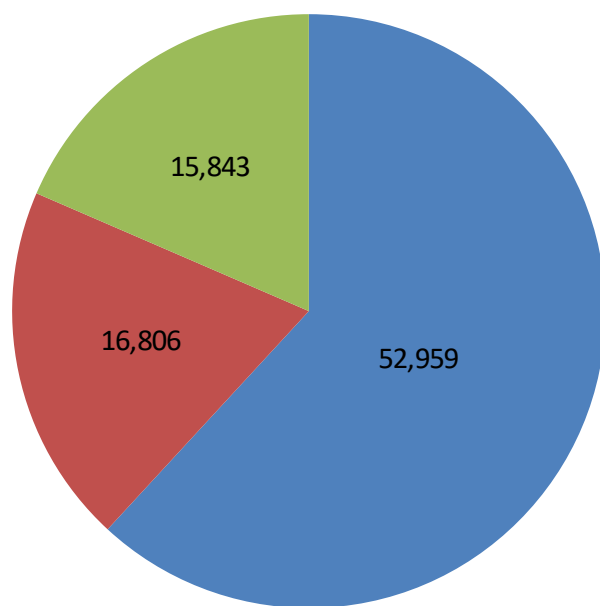


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The Act continued medical benefits for NYC responders and survivors; expanded benefits to responders in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon; and established an advisory committee and research program. In December 2015, Congress reauthorized the WTC Health Program for 75 years, ending in 2090.

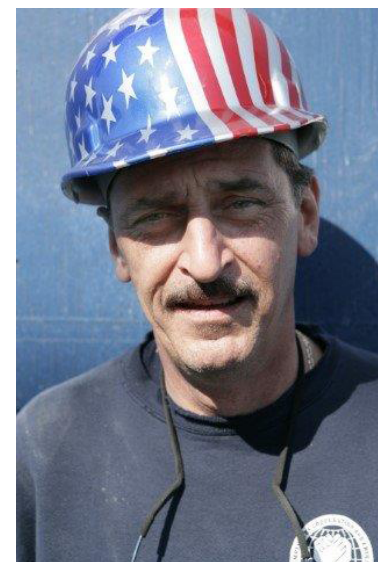
The WTC Health Program currently has over 86,000 members of which more than 43,000 members receive care for at least one certified WTC-related health condition.

Membership by Member Type



■ General Responders ■ FDNY Responders ■ Survivors

The WTC Health Program provides high-quality medical monitoring and treatment for responders to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, at the Pentagon, and near Shanksville and for survivors in the New York City Disaster Area. Because of their exposure to airborne toxins and other hazardous conditions arising from the 9/11 terrorist attacks, responders and survivors now confront serious physical and mental health issues, including cancer.



The program covers the following common health conditions among members:

1. Chronic rhinosinusitis
2. Gastroesophageal reflux disease
3. Asthma
4. Sleep apnea
5. Cancer
6. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
7. Chronic respiratory disorder (fumes/vapors)
8. WTC-exacerbated chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
9. Depression
10. Anxiety disorder

The program provides medical benefits to eligible responders and survivors to monitor, evaluate, and treat specific WTC-related health conditions through seven Clinical Centers of Excellence in the New York metropolitan area and through a Nationwide Provider Network in all 50 states and U.S. territories.



# OUR SAFETY AND HEALTH RESEARCH AREAS



Medical Care



Research in 9/11 Health Exposures and Treatment



Outreach and Education

## Special Programs

Each year, the WTC Health Program awards approximately \$15 million in research designed to help answer critical questions about the physical and mental health conditions related to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. In addition, the program awards approximately \$7 million per year to fund the WTC Health Registry administered by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Recently funded research topics include biomarkers of exposures or health outcomes, exposure-response relationships, and patterns of illness (age, gender). In 2017, the WTC Health program launched the Research to Care initiative with a community engagement event in New York City. Nearly 200 WTC Health Program members and community advocates heard directly from program-funded researchers about the state of science.



## OUR STAFF

The WTC Health Program has approximately 36 full time positions and has offices in Washington, D.C.; Atlanta, Georgia; Cincinnati, Ohio; Morgantown, West Virginia; and New York, New York. Staff have experience in the following areas:

**Analytics:** Program Analysts  
**Communication:** Health Communication Specialists  
**Contracts:** Contract Specialists  
**Epidemiology:** Epidemiologists

**IT Security:** Security Analysts  
**Medicine:** Medical Doctors  
**Nursing:** Nurses  
**Pharmacy:** Pharmacists  
**Social Work:** Social Workers