

You can come for treatment, if any of these apply to you:

- Lived in Lower Manhattan or areas of Brooklyn
- Were a student in a school in the area
- Worked in or around area offices, stores, schools, or apartment buildings
- Commuted to Lower Manhattan during 9/11
- Helped in the clean-up of buildings in the affected area



On 9/11, the dust cloud came across the water to Brooklyn and covered our neighborhood. People were coughing...and now it's still hard for me to breathe.

MY SYMPTOMS: Coughing and shortness of breath.



On 9/11, we kept our restaurant open in Chinatown. I got a bad cough...and now I have headaches and sinus congestion that are not going away. But I don't have insurance, so what can I do?

MY SYMPTOMS: Coughing, sinus congestion and other symptoms.



Soon after 9/11, I started working in an office downtown. I thought 9/11 was over but I'm afraid I got sick from the dust. Now my chest still gets tight and I have shortness of breath.

MY SYMPTOMS: Wheezing and shortness of breath.

The World Trade Center Environmental Health Center

provides free health care to residents, students, workers and passersby who may still be sick from 9/11.

Locations:

Bellevue Hospital Center

462 First Avenue (27th Street)
New York, New York 10016

Elmhurst Hospital Center

79-01 Broadway (79th Street)
Elmhurst, New York 11373

Gouverneur Healthcare Services

227 Madison Street (Clinton Street)
New York, New York 10002

Lived there? Worked there? You deserve care.

Do you think you have any of these symptoms related to 9/11?

- Coughing
- Wheezing
- Shortness of breath
- Sinus congestion
- Stomach problems
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Other symptoms

Most people who were exposed to the World Trade Center attack did not get sick but some did. WTC health issues are still being studied. This message is not intended to express or imply any scientific conclusions on the part of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation or the City of New York.

For more information or to make an appointment, call toll free:

1-877-WTC-0107
(1-877-982-0107)

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We Can Help.

The **World Trade Center Environmental Health Center** is a Center of Excellence that is dedicated to the assessment and treatment of WTC-related conditions. The Center provides free health care to residents, students, workers, or passersby who may still be sick from 9/11.

The Center has locations at Bellevue Hospital on the East Side of Manhattan, Elmhurst Hospital in Queens and Gouverneur Healthcare Services in Lower Manhattan. The Center works in partnership with community organizations and residents affected by 9/11. You can get treatment even if you cannot pay or do not have health insurance.



On 9/11, I was working on Wall Street and ran as fast as I could to get home. Afterward, I had trouble breathing but I thought it was just anxiety. But now when I play with my kids I can't keep up with them.

MY SYMPTOMS: Coughing, shortness of breath, anxiety and other symptoms.



On 9/11, I took the train in and was at my desk in Tower 2. I ran down 80 flights of stairs and got out. I still don't feel well and I'm being treated for depression but I'm just not getting better.

MY SYMPTOMS: Depression, stomach problems and other symptoms.



After 9/11, I worked downtown cleaning up the dust in offices. I still cough a lot and have stomach problems. But I'm an immigrant, so what can I do?

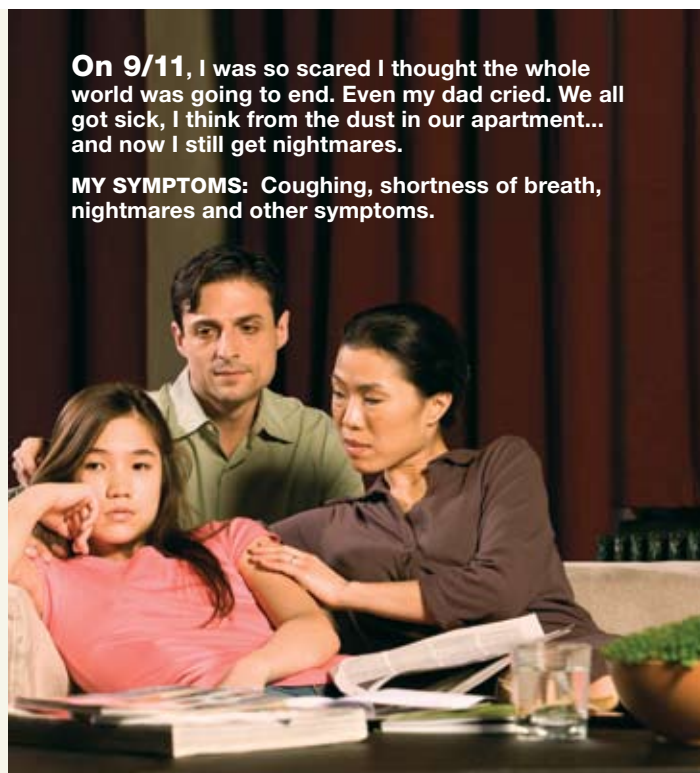
MY SYMPTOMS: Coughing, wheezing and stomach problems.

How would I know if my health problems are related to 9/11?

It is hard to know if your health problems are due to 9/11. Some problems might include persistent symptoms, such as: shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing, stomach problems, skin problems, depression, anxiety and/or nervousness.

Children may also have health or behavioral problems related to their own or their family's 9/11 experience. These problems can be a result of their direct exposure on 9/11 or in response to a family member's 9/11-related medical or mental health issues.

If you think you or someone in your family may have a health problem related to 9/11, call toll free **1-877-WTC-0107** or dial **311**. When you call, you will reach a person who will ask a few questions about your health problems to see if the program is right for you. If you do not speak English, you will be able to speak with someone in your language.



On 9/11, I was so scared I thought the whole world was going to end. Even my dad cried. We all got sick, I think from the dust in our apartment... and now I still get nightmares.

MY SYMPTOMS: Coughing, shortness of breath, nightmares and other symptoms.

What will happen at my first appointment?

Your first appointment will take about 4 hours and include tests that will help guide your treatment. You may then need many follow-up visits for treatment.

How much will my care cost?

Treatment and most medications for your 9/11-related illness will be given at no out-of-pocket cost to you.

What if I have illnesses that are not related to 9/11?

We will refer you to other services for any needs you have that are not related to 9/11.

What if I have no medical problems?

This is a treatment program for people with health problems. It is not a screening program for people who have no health problems as a result of 9/11.

How do I get an appointment?

Call toll free **1-877-WTC-0107** or dial **311**. Most calls are answered right away. If you get voicemail, please leave a message with your phone number and the best time to reach you. You will be called back within one business day. You should feel free to leave a message in your language.

Is this a research program?

The main purpose of this program is to provide health care for people with 9/11-related health problems. When you come in for an exam, you will be given the opportunity to help us learn more about WTC-related illnesses by becoming part of research to understand 9/11 health effects. You will have the opportunity to sign a consent form to have your clinical information used for this research. Your name or personal contact information will not be used.

Where can I get more information about 9/11 health issues?

Visit the New York City Department of Health Web site, www.nyc.gov/health, for additional information and resources.