

What are certifications?

Certifications are a way for the FDNY WTC Health Program to **verify that your condition is related to WTC exposure and therefore eligible for physical and mental health coverage at no cost to you.**

Coverage includes medications, visits with clinicians familiar with WTC-related medical conditions, related procedures, cancer care and other WTC-approved benefits as needed.

How can I get my WTC-related illness certified?

There are three types of certifications: **Physical Health, Mental Health and Cancer.** Each type of certification has a different application process.

Physical Health Conditions: *Aerodigestive Disorders, Musculoskeletal and Acute Traumatic Injury, Tobacco (nicotine addiction), Obstructive Sleep Apnea*

- **Make an appointment at a FDNY WTC clinic – call (718) 999-1858** and we can direct you to your nearest location.
- **Bring documentation** if already done by your healthcare provider (i.e., diagnostic test results, prescriptions, etc.) related to your condition(s).
 - If no diagnostic testing has been done, you may qualify for diagnostic testing through the WTC Health Program.
- **Report symptoms** you are experiencing to your WTC Health Program clinician and on monitoring questionnaires, including when you started experiencing those symptoms, even for symptoms that you think might not be related to your 9/11 exposure.

Mental Health Conditions: *Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Depression, Adjustment Disorder, Anxiety, Substance Abuse*

- **Make an appointment** at a FDNY CSU clinic – call (212)570-1693 and we can direct you to your nearest location.
- **CSU clinicians and staff with help assist you through the certification process.**

Cancer: *Malignant Neoplasms, Blood and Lymphoid Tissue, and Skin Cancer (malignant melanoma, other malignant neoplasms of the skin)*

- To find out if your cancer diagnosis is eligible for submission to NIOSH, contact **Nadia Jaber at 718-403-4412 (phone) 718-403-4913 (fax) or Nadia.Jaber@fdny.nyc.gov**
- **Bring documentation** if already done by your healthcare provider (i.e., diagnostic test results, prescriptions, etc.) related to your condition(s).
- **Pathology reports are required for cancer certification submissions.** The only exception is when biopsy would be dangerous and imaging results are clearly diagnostic.
- **If cancer is suspected and no diagnostic testing has been done, you may qualify for diagnostic testing through the WTC Health Program.**

You may find a full list of certified WTC-related health conditions at: <https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/conditions.html>. Remember, that the list of covered conditions in the link may change, as we continue to learn about 9/11 exposure and its health effects.

What are the next steps?

- **Your FDNY WTC Health Program clinician will request certification** for your health condition from the WTC Health Program **if it is determined that you have a certifiable, WTC-related health condition and that your 9/11 exposure is a significant factor** in aggravating, contributing to, or causing your illness.
- For each application, please ensure your **mailing address is correct.**
- Once your application has been filed with NIOSH, it will take **4-6 weeks** for the WTC Health Program to receive a response. A decision letter will be mailed to you.

On behalf of the staff at the FDNY WTC Health Program and the Bureau of Health Services, thank you for your continued participation in the WTC Health Program. Your

commitment helps support our efforts to improve our medical monitoring/treatment services and meet the health needs of all rescue/recovery workers and their families.

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<https://www.fdnwtcprogram.org/>*

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