

Greetings to our FDNY Retirees,

Since the FDNY Retiree Groups are the eyes and ears of our members, I thought it best to send this timely reminder for those who came to our Nation's help in our time of need. Please share this with your members and all who may know someone who was exposed back then.

Too often, we are losing way too many of our members to Cancer. Much of it is related to the job that our members do, but often when I see these notices I find myself wondering if they were at the WTC site or the Pentagon back in those dark days. The question is more complex because so much time has passed. Too often our members do not realize that their exposure to the toxic air (that the Government said was safe) around 9/11 might have contributed to their Cancer. It is important to realize it is a **presumption** due to the Zadroga Bill, if they meet the required exposure times (9/11 anytime, 9/12-9/14 - 4 hours, 9/15-9/30 -24 hours, and 10/1/01 – 5/30/02 a minimum of 80 hours).

There is no reason to wait until our members pass from their Cancer. Any retired firefighter or fire officer with Cancer should be asked if they were at the WTC or Pentagon sites back in 2001. Especially our members in their late 40's, 50's or 60's or later. If they qualify for WTC Health & Compensation benefits, our FDNY Retiree leaders are in a great position to offer them help with their treatment costs and taking care of their families. Once **registered\*** with the WTC Health Program, any WTC certified condition would receive prescription benefits, medical treatment and testing without any copays or deductibles (this includes 68 different Cancers). Note that there is no harm in asking if they were at the WTC or Pentagon back around 9/11. Additionally, make note that there is a WTC Wrongful Death claim component for the family should a member pass away.

Please look over the attachments and do not hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns. I am doing this WTC Outreach because there is a big need and no one else is getting this important needed message out. Thank you for always putting your members first. I wish you and your significant others best wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a healthy, happy and safe New Years!

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NOTE: Important deadlines –

- **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**, awards might be lowered due to insufficient funding for all those in needs. Members should act quickly.
- There is no deadline for the WTC Health Program and it runs until 2090.
- The current 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund is scheduled to close 12/18/20. There is currently an effort to extend the deadline and get more resources for those adversely affected by their exposures.
- After the WTC Health Program Certifies a condition or illness, members would have two years to apply to the 9/11 Victims Compensation Program to be eligible.

\*They do not have to be sick or ill to be in the program. They would have to download an application from <https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/apply.html> or call LHI, who runs the WTC National Program, at [888-982-4748](tel:888-982-4748) to register for the program. A member would have to provide affidavits or other proof of their involvement. Once registered, any WTC certified condition would receive prescription benefits, medical treatment and testing without any deductibles or copays.

# Fact Sheet - World Trade Center

September 11 Victim Compensation Fund (VCF)



## \$7.3 billion available

**Breaking News:** Victim Compensation Fund Extends Eligibility Deadline for WTC-Related Cancers: people diagnosed cancers may register VCF claims within 2 years of the date that they were told by a governmental agency (i.e. such as the WTC Health Program, NYC Pension Board, or Workers Compensation Board) that their cancer was related to their WTC exposure. Claimants diagnosed with cancers years ago may be still eligible for compensation if they get certified now by the WTCHP.

EXTENDED TO

## 2020 december 18

The Zadroga Reauthorization Act extends the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund until December 18, 2020.

The Act also reauthorizes and fully funds the World Trade Center Health Program for 75 more years.

DID YOU KNOW

## 9 months of exposure eligibility

If you were in Manhattan below Canal Street, the Staten Island Landfill, the barge loading piers, or the routes of debris removal anytime between September 11, 2001 and May 31, 2002, you may be eligible for compensation based on the dates and number of hours spent within the exposure zone.

MORE THAN

## 70 types of cancers, including skin cancers and prostate cancer

Virtually all diagnosed cancers or interstitial lung diseases are eligible, as well as COPD and WTC-related traumatic injuries.

ELIGIBLE

## 8 different groups of eligibility

Rescue workers, recovery workers, cleanup workers, construction workers, survivors caught in the dust cloud, residents, office workers, teachers and students are eligible to be compensated based on number of hours within the exposure zones during the time period September 11, 2001 and May 31, 2002.



## for more information:

If you think you might have a claim or just want more information, please call 1-888-FIRELAW (1-888-347-3529) or 212-386-8000 - the consultation is free. If we are not able to gain a recovery on your behalf - you pay no fee.

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# WORLD TRADE CENTER-RELATED CANCERS

The **WTC Health Program** has linked **68 Cancers**, including skin cancer and prostate cancer, to the toxic dust. New illnesses are being studied and are likely to be added to the list below.

**Deadline to register** a claim with the victim compensation fund: **2 years from the date** of certification by the World Trade Center Health Program.

**Please help spread the word.**

## CHILDHOOD CANCERS

- Any type of cancer diagnosed in a person less than 20 years of age.

## MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS

- **Blood and Lymphoid Tissue** (including, but not limited to, lymphoma, leukemia, and myeloma)
  - Diffuse non-Hodgkin lymphoma
  - Follicular (nodular) non-Hodgkin lymphoma
  - Hodgkin's disease
  - Leukemia of unspecified cell type
  - Lymphoid leukemia
  - Malignant immunoproliferative diseases
  - Monocytic leukemia
  - Multiple myeloma and malignant plasma cell neoplasms
  - Myeloid leukemia
  - Other and unspecified lymphoid, hematopoietic, and related tissue
  - Other and unspecified types of non-Hodgkin lymphoma
  - Other leukemias of specified cell type
  - Peripheral and cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
- **Digestive System**
  - Colon
  - Esophagus
  - Liver and intrahepatic bile ducts
  - Other and ill-defined digestive organs
  - Rectosigmoid junction
  - Rectum
  - Retroperitoneum and peritoneum
  - Stomach
- **Eye and Orbit**
  - Eye and adnexa
- **Female Breast**
  - Breast

## MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS (CONT.)

- **Female Reproductive Organs**
  - Ovary
- **Head and Neck**
  - Accessory sinuses
  - Base of tongue
  - Floor of mouth
  - Gum
  - Hypopharynx
  - Larynx
  - Lip
  - Nasal cavity
  - Nasopharynx
  - Other and ill-defined conditions in the lip, oral cavity, and pharynx
  - Other and unspecified major salivary glands
  - Other and unspecified part of the mouth
  - Other and unspecified parts of the tongue
  - Oropharynx
  - Palate
  - Parotid gland
  - Piriform sinus
  - Tonsil
- **Respiratory System**
  - Bronchus and lung
  - Heart, mediastinum, and pleura
  - Other and ill-defined sites in the respiratory system and intrathoracic organs
  - Trachea
- **Skin (Melanoma and non-Melanoma)**
  - Malignant melanoma of skin
  - Other malignant neoplasms of skin
  - Scrotum
- **Soft Tissue**
  - Other connective and soft tissue

## MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS (CONT.)

- Peripheral nerves and autonomic nervous system
- **Thyroid**
  - Thyroid Gland
- **Urinary System**
  - Bladder
  - Kidney
  - Other unspecified urinary organs
  - Prostate
  - Renal pelvis
  - Ureter

## MESOTHELIOMA

- Mesothelioma

## RARE CANCERS

Any type of cancer that occurs in less than 15 cases per 100,000 persons per year (called the "incidence rate"), based on data from 2005-2009 as referenced in Copeland et al., *Cancer in North America: 2005-2009*, published in 2012. Every cancer submitted for certification which is not individually identified in the above list is reviewed by the WTC Health Program to assess if it meets the definition of a rare cancer.



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