

MEDIA INTERVIEW LIST DISCLOSURE & CONSENT FORM

The World Trade Center Health Registry consists of people who had different 9/11 experiences. Some enrollees were rescue and recovery workers, others worked, lived or were passing through lower Manhattan on 9/11. The Registry is occasionally asked by the media (for example, newspaper, television and radio reporters) to speak with enrollees who may be willing to answer questions about their experiences during and after 9/11. The Registry is developing a list of enrollees who are willing to speak with reporters. We are contacting you because you voluntarily identified yourself as a Registry enrollee in a recent interaction with Registry staff.

What is the Media Interview List?

The list will be made up of enrollees who have agreed to be contacted by Registry staff if a reporter requests to speak with an enrollee.

Are all enrollees being asked to be on this list?

No. Only enrollees who have had contact with Registry staff and have revealed that they are an enrollee are being asked to join the list.

Do I have to be on this list?

No, participation on the media interview list is completely voluntary. You may ask us to remove your name from this list at any time. If you decide not to have your name included on the list or decide you want your name removed from this list your participation as an enrollee in the World Trade Center Health Registry will not be affected.

I am interested. What do I have to do to be added to this list?

You would need to give us your permission to add your name to this list by signing this form. We would also ask you to provide contact information (for example, phone number(s) and email) where we may reach you to ask you whether you would like to participate in a particular interview.

How will I be contacted for interviews?

If you agree to be on the list, when the Registry receives a media request to speak with an enrollee, a Registry staff person will contact you to see if you're interested in participating in the interview and will describe the topic of the interview to the extent possible. You may agree or refuse to participate in any interview at any time. If you agree, your contact information (phone number(s) and email) will be given to the reporter and he/she will contact you to schedule an interview.

Do I have to answer all the questions that a reporter asks me?

No. If a question makes you uncomfortable or you are not willing to discuss something, you can choose not answer. Simply tell the reporter "I am not comfortable answering your question."

How often will I be asked to participate in media interviews?

You may be contacted up to two to three times each year. To the extent possible, the Registry will divide the interview requests from reporters among all persons on the list to avoid repeatedly contacting the same enrollees.

Will I receive compensation for being on the list?

You will not receive any compensation from the Registry or the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for being on the list or participating in any interviews.

**Does the Registry have a say on how a story is written?**

No, the Registry has no control over how the article will be written. You can ask the reporter to review the story before publication, but reporters generally do not permit this.

What are the risks involved with being on the list?

You may become uncomfortable or upset as a result of some of the reporter's questions about your 9/11 experiences. If that occurs you may call Lifenet, a free mental health information and referral service (telephone: 1-800-LIFENET (800-543-3638) or 212-982-5284 (TTY)) for support and assistance. If you do become upset, please get in touch with us so that we can keep this in mind if the reporter asks us to interview other enrollees.

How will my privacy be protected?

The Registry is protected by a federal certificate of confidentiality. This federal certificate of confidentiality means that we cannot be forced to reveal identifying information about you. The names and contact information on the media interview list will not be disclosed to anyone else, and the WTC Health Registry will not use it for any other purpose.

However, if you agree to participate in an interview with a reporter, your participation as a Registry enrollee will be known to the reporter and may be made public.

What if I have questions?

If you have questions or concerns you may contact:

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Enrollee's Agreement:

I have read the information provided above. I would be willing to speak to the media and agree to have my name and other contact information included in the media interview list developed by the World Trade Center Health Registry.

Signature of Enrollee

Date

Printed Name of Enrollee

Address of Enrollee

Phone Number of Enrollee

Email of Enrollee