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Potential Impact: Researchers must continue to track and study autoimmune rheumatologic diseases like rheumatoid arthritis or lupus, in an effort to add them to the list of WTC-related conditions. Sarcoidosis is already a WTC-covered condition, but this study helped improve monitoring and treatment of people with sarcoidosis.

Research: This study examined if autoimmune diseases increased after 9/11 exposures. It also aimed to understand if the symptoms appear different in those exposed, compared to those that were not.

Population: Rescue and recovery workers of the Fire Department of the City of New York.

Findings: We found an increase of autoimmune diseases in FDNY rescue/recovery workers who reported greater levels of WTC exposure. We also observed that the symptoms for sarcoidosis are different in those exposed, compared to what we historically expect in the people not exposed to 9/11.

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