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Health Care Planning Considerations for Large Events in NYC This Summer

This is a planning overview for the **FIFA World Cup 2026** and **America250** events, among others, in NYC this summer. It reviews potential public health risks and planning considerations for health care partners during these large events. This document is based on available information as of May 2026 and is subject to change. For the most current event information, visit fifa.com/en and america250.org.

FIFA World Cup 2026

The FIFA World Cup 2026 is the largest football (commonly called soccer in the U.S.) competition in the world. The competition is being hosted by the U.S., Canada, and Mexico from June 11 to July 19, 2026. It is an unprecedented sporting event in terms of its size, duration, and the number of nations and fans involved. It is the largest World Cup to date, with three host countries, 16 host cities, 48 teams, 104 games across 39 days, and millions of travelers and spectators. “New York New Jersey” is one of 12 American host cities, hosting eight games, including the final match, which is anticipated to draw 2 million people to the area.

Scheduled Games

All local games are played at MetLife Stadium — called “New York New Jersey Stadium” for the FIFA World Cup 2026 competition — in East Rutherford, New Jersey. See the [schedule](#) for these eight games below (in Eastern Daylight Time) or visit fifa.com/en to find the most current schedule.

Group Stage

- Saturday, June 13, at 6 p.m. EDT — Brazil vs. Morocco
- Tuesday, June 16, at 3 p.m. EDT — France vs. Senegal
- Monday, June 22, at 8 p.m. EDT — Norway vs. Senegal
- Thursday, June 25, at 4 p.m. EDT — Ecuador vs. Germany
- Saturday, June 27, at 5 p.m. EDT — Panama vs. England

Knockout Stage

- Tuesday, June 30, at 5 p.m. EDT — Round of 32 match
- Sunday, July 5, at 4 p.m. EDT — Round of 16 match

Final Match

- Sunday, July 19, at 3 p.m. EDT

NYC will have many organized [fan zones](#) (locations that offer immersive experiences and live match viewing) and community celebrations throughout the World Cup competition, including in NYC at UTSA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Queens (June 11 to 27); Rockefeller Center, Manhattan (July 6 to 19); Siuh Community Park, Staten Island (June 29 to July 2); Bronx Terminal Market, South Bronx (June 13 and 14); and Brooklyn Bridge Park, Brooklyn (select dates June 13 to July 19). There will also be a nearby fan zone in Harrison, New Jersey, at Sports Illustrated Stadium (June 11 to July 19). Check nynjfwc26.com for the most current information and further announcements.

There are no team base camps (locations where teams reside and train between games) in NYC for the group stage, but this could change for later games. VIPs will be visiting and lodging in the city, so expect traffic and other disruptions as well as increased activities at restaurants, bars, and other public locations during the tournament, especially around game days.

America250 and Other Large Events

The U.S. is celebrating its 250th birthday on July 4, 2026, and many events are scheduled in the city this summer to celebrate. In NYC, this is the 50th anniversary of the Macy's 4th of July Fireworks, displayed on the East River. In New Jersey, Jersey City holds its 4th of July Festival and Fireworks, displayed on the Hudson River.

In addition, [Sail4th 250](#) (July 3 to 8) will coincide with the city's largest-ever Fleet Week and include the largest gathering of tall ships since 1976. Visit sail4th.org/schedule for details. Attendees will arrive from more than 50 countries, including roughly 15,000 sailors and service members, for multiple days of parades, concerts, and other events, with ship viewing along the coastlines of Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island. On July 4, the U.S. Navy will conduct an [International Naval Review](#) of U.S. and allied naval vessels, with an international aerial review of more than 100 aircraft. Also, NYC will host other large summer events, such as the Puerto Rican Day Parade 2026 and [NYC Pride](#), both of which include informal watch parties and spontaneous gatherings across the city.

Key Planning Takeaways

The FIFA World Cup 2026 may present a range of public health risks due to its duration, surge of visitors, large-scale concurrent events, national and international security implications, and seasonal hazards (such as heat). Health care and emergency medical services (EMS) communities should apply an all-hazards planning approach and ensure their existing plans are reviewed and updated as needed. Health and medical entities should review their training and exercise needs to ensure staff are familiar with relevant plans and procedures, such as disease reporting. Health care facilities and providers should maintain situational awareness by signing up for health alerts and emergency notifications, including:

- NYC Health Alert Network: nyc.gov/health/han
- NYC Notify NYC: a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc
- New Jersey LINCS Health Alert Network: njlincs.net

Overview of Public Health Risks

Considerations	Potential Public Health Risks
Large Sporting Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energetic celebrations, potentially aggressive mood, violent fan clashes • Blast injuries, burns (for example, from pyrotechnics, incendiary devices, etc.) • Crowd surges and stampedes • Alcohol and drug use, overdose emergencies
Infectious Diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher risk of communicable disease spread and outbreaks (for example, STIs, respiratory illnesses, diarrheal diseases) • Travel-associated infections and introduction of non-endemic diseases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Vaccine preventable diseases (for example, measles) ◦ Special pathogens (for example, Lassa fever) ◦ Mosquito/vector-borne (for example, malaria, dengue) • Risk of food-borne illness from new and unregulated food vendors
Climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dehydration, heat stroke, and heat exhaustion, especially during periods of extreme heat • Heavy rains and flash flooding with little warning during summer • Impaired air quality, especially in the context of extreme heat or wildfires elsewhere • Exacerbation of chronic illness from exposure to very hot weather and/or impaired air quality
International Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfamiliarity with the U.S. health care system, insurance limitations, and payment issues • Cultural sensitivities and translation needs • Follow-up contact and care, including case investigations and contact tracing • Unknown immunity of visitors and potential communicable disease spread through unvaccinated travelers
Health Care Strain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased emergency department, inpatient, and outpatient volume • Transport disruptions impacting EMS • Staff delays getting to and from work, especially around game days • Mass-casualty incidents • Infectious disease exposures requiring investigations and management (for example, measles) • Limited community isolation and quarantine capacity for visitors
Civil Unrest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased security presence increasing risk for confrontations (for example, local and federal law enforcement, military) • Protests and counterprotests • Targeted attacks
Other Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrorism, including chemical, radiation, and biological attacks • Cybersecurity attacks • Power outages • Human trafficking recognition and reporting • Multiple or overlapping public health emergencies happening at once

Health Care Facility Planning Checklist

General Planning and Preparedness

Plan

- Review emergency response, disaster preparedness, downtime, and cybersecurity plans before all large events based on hazards outlined by your organization and in this document's Overview of Public Health Risks section.
 - Establish or update emergency roles and responsibilities for all staff.
- Develop staffing plans for expected surge needs as well as potential surge needs from possible high-impact events (for example, communicable disease outbreaks, mass-casualty incidents).
- Evaluate lockdown and security plans for health care facilities and personnel.

Equip

- Post signage in multiple languages at points of entry and waiting areas instructing patients to inform staff immediately of international travel plus rash, fever, and/or cough. Visit nyc.gov/health and search for "[infectious diseases](#)" for more information, including [measles signage](#).
- Review staff personal protective equipment (PPE) needs and supplies.
- Review supply needs for treatment of burn, blast, and bombing injuries.
- Consider other hazards (for example, heat illness, [drug overdose](#)) that may require extra supplies.
- Consider post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and diagnostic supplies (for example, MMR vaccine, GamaSTAN PEP, rabies PEP, malaria rapid tests).

Train and Exercise

- Ensure appropriate staff understand their roles in an emergency and have access to relevant protocols and procedures.
- Refresh staff trainings:
 - Ensure staff, including new employees, are current with all training required for their position, including potential surge and response roles and downtime procedures.
- Update clinical providers on biological, chemical, and radiological agents and protocols (for example, decontamination).
- Review procedures that address medical treatment of mass casualties, including decontamination, PPE, and triage protocols.
- Assess infection-control training needs, including screening and isolation and PPE donning and doffing.
- Based on your organization's plans and protocols and this checklist, develop an exercise plan to test the highest-priority plans and protocols.

Communications and Situational Awareness

- Review emergency notifications and communications protocols (internal and external):
 - Review of 24/7 notification procedures for weekend and after-hours emergencies.
 - Update emergency contact lists.
- Assess and test all available communications platforms and channels.
- Ensure situational awareness:
 - Sign up for public health alerts and emergency notifications.
 - Reinforce the notification process to public health and emergency management.
- Consider risk communications, including increased health education and patient education campaigns (for example, heat safety).
- Review your language translation service provider's surge capacity.

Infectious Diseases of Public Health Concern

- Ensure staff are familiar with [protocols](#) to identify, isolate, and inform.
 - Staff at points of entry and triage should screen for travel history and exposure risks plus rash when patients present with protocols in place for triggering immediate airborne [isolation](#), as needed.
- Ensure staff, including at points of entry and triage, can recognize potentially infectious patients and implement appropriate infection-control measures immediately to place patients in airborne isolation when indicated (for example, fever and rash).
 - Ensure facilities can safely conduct evaluation and management of a patient with a possible high-consequence infectious disease, such as [viral hemorrhagic fever](#) (which includes [Ebola disease](#), [Marburg virus disease](#), Lassa fever, etc.).
- Provide clinical staff with information on [local and international outbreaks](#). (See this document's Resources section for suggestions).
- Ensure frontline staff are familiar with public health reporting processes and [diseases that require immediate notification](#) including outbreaks, unusual disease presentations, disease clusters, and/or bioterrorism events.
 - Call the NYC Provider Access Line at 866-692-3641 for immediate consultation on public health issues and to report diseases or conditions, or visit nyc.gov/site/doh/providers/reporting-and-services-main.page to report.
- Ensure laboratory staff (including weekend and after-hours staff) and infection prevention and control (IPC) staff have [eOrder accounts](#) for submitting routine and urgent requisition forms for NYC Health Department laboratory testing and accessing results. Visit nyc.gov/health and search for "PHL eOrder Guide" for more information.
- Ensure staff are up to date with all recommended vaccinations, and maintain staff vaccination records.

Public Health Contact List

Agency	Contact
NYC Health Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call the NYC Provider Access Line at 866-692-3641 for immediate consultation on public health issues. • For more information and to report diseases and conditions, visit nyc.gov/site/doh/providers/reporting-and-services-main.page.
NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For non-emergencies, call 311 or email the NYCEM Health and Medical ESF coordinator at healthmedicalESFlist@oem.nyc.gov. • For emergencies, call NYCEM's 24/7 emergency number at 718-422-8700.
New York State Department of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For general information, call 833-364-4695 or visit health.ny.gov/contact/doh800.htm. • To report public health emergencies 24/7, call the Public Health Duty Officer Helpline at 866-881-2809. • For more information and to report diseases and conditions, visit health.ny.gov/professionals/diseases/reporting/communicable. • To contact your New York State Department of Health county office, visit nysacho.org/directory.
New Jersey Department of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For general information, call 800-367-6543 or visit nj.gov/health/about/contact-us. For after-hours assistance, call 609-392-2020. • For more information and to report diseases and conditions, visit nj.gov/health/cd/reporting/healthcare-professionals. • To contact your local New Jersey Department of Health office, visit nj.gov/health/lh/community/index.shtml.

Resources

- FIFA World Cup 2026: [fifa.com/en/tournaments/mens/worldcup/canadamexicousa2026](https://www.fifa.com/en/tournaments/mens/worldcup/canadamexicousa2026)
- FIFA World Cup 2026 New York New Jersey: [nynjfwc26.com](https://www.nynjfwc26.com)
- Greater New York Hospital Association, FIFA 2026 Weekly Intelligence Roundup — Registration: [gnyha.org/news/fifa26-weekly-intelligence-roundup](https://www.gnyha.org/news/fifa26-weekly-intelligence-roundup)
- Visit New Jersey — FIFA World Cup 2026: [visitnj.org/world-cup](https://www.visitnj.org/world-cup)
- America250: [america250.org](https://www.america250.org)

Extreme Weather

- NYC Health Department, Hot Weather and Your Health: [nyc.gov/health/heat](https://www.nyc.gov/health/heat)
- NYC Health Department, Heat and Medications: [nyc.gov/site/doh/providers/emergency-prep/heat-and-medications.page](https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/providers/emergency-prep/heat-and-medications.page)
- NYC Health Department, Air Quality: [nyc.gov/airquality](https://www.nyc.gov/airquality)
- NYCEM, Extreme Heat: [nyc.gov/site/em/ready/extreme-heat.page](https://www.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/extreme-heat.page)
- Sign up for Notify NYC to receive citywide emergency alerts, including weather: a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc
- National Weather Service: [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov)
- NYC Cool Options: Find cooling centers at finder.nyc.gov/coolingcenters/locations
- Heat Hub NJ: Extreme Heat and Human Health: [heat-hub-new-jersey-njddep.hub.arcgis.com/pages/extreme-heat-and-health](https://njddep.hub.arcgis.com/pages/extreme-heat-and-health)
- AirNow current air quality: [airnow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov)

Infectious Disease Screening and Investigation Tools

- New York State Global Health Update Report: globalhealthreports.health.ny.gov
- National Special Pathogen System of Care (NSPS) Region 2 Regional Emerging Special Pathogen Treatment Center (R2 RESPTC) NYC Health + Hospitals (H + H) Bellevue — Travel Screening List: r2resptc.org/tools.php
- CDC Travel Health Notices: wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices
- CDC Yellow Book: [cdc.gov/yellow-book/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/yellow-book/index.html)
- BEACON Disease Events: beaconbio.org/en
- WHO Disease Outbreak News: [who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news](https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news)
- National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) Resource Library Tip Sheet: repository.netecweb.org/items/show/1869
- NSPS R2 RESPTC NYC H + H Bellevue, Integrating Travel Screening Into the Point of Entry Screening Section of the EMR: Visit r2resptc.org/tools.php and search for “Travel Screening and Electronic Medical Record Case Study”

Preparing for High-Consequence Infectious Diseases

- NYC/New York State 2025 Health Advisory: Viral Hemorrhagic Fever: [health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/ebola/providers/docs/2025-03-06_advisory.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/ebola/providers/docs/2025-03-06_advisory.pdf)

- NETEC website: netec.org
- NSPS R2 RESPTC website: r2resptc.org
- Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security – Biological and Chemical Agents of Concern Fact Sheets: centerforhealthsecurity.org/resources/fact-sheets-by-the-center-for-health-security
- Emory University Serious Communicable Diseases Program, Project ECHO Sessions: scdp.emory.edu/programs/echo-program/echo-sessions.html

Hospital Readiness

- U.S. HHS Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) TRACIE, Hospital Readiness and Response: An Online Guidebook: asprtracie.hhs.gov/HRROG
- The U.S. National Response Team, Quick Reference Guides: nrt.org
- HHS ASPR, Project ECHO Clinical Readiness Rounds: iecho.org/public/program/PRGM1703002309004M2CX1LFEND
- NSPS R2ESPTC, Project ECHO webinar recordings: Visit r2resptc.org/tools.php and search for “Webinar Recordings”
- NETEC, World Cup Preparedness webinar: Visit netec.org and search for “Countdown to Kickoff”

EMS Providers and First Responder Guidance

- ASPR TRACIE, EMS Infectious Disease Playbook, Version 2.0: files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-tracie-transport-playbook-508.pdf
- CDC, Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers (VHFs), Interim Guidance for EMS Systems and 9-1-1 Answering Points: cdc.gov/viral-hemorrhagic-fevers/hcp/emergency-guidance/ems-911.html

Human Trafficking

- American Hospital Association, Educational Events on Human Trafficking: aha.org/webinar-recordings/educational-events-human-trafficking
- New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Refugee Services – Assistance for Survivors of Human Trafficking: otda.ny.gov/programs/bria/trafficking.asp
- NYC 311 guidance: Visit portal.311.nyc.gov and search for “human trafficking”

Substance Use and Treatment

- NYC 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Visit nyc.gov/988, call or text 988, or chat online at 988lifeline.org
- NYC Health Department, Alcohol and Drug Use Services webpage: Provider Information Resources: nyc.gov/alcoholanddrugs
- NYC Poison Control, Poison Center Hotline and Chat: Visit nyc.gov/poisoncontrol or call 212-POISONS (212-764-7667)