



**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE**

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**2026 Health Alert #10:  
Public Health Preparations for 2026 FIFA World Cup &  
Provider Preferences Survey**

*Please distribute to all clinical staff in emergency medicine, family medicine, geriatrics, internal medicine, pediatrics, and pharmacy.*

- From June to July 2026, the New York/New Jersey area is expecting an unprecedented number of visitors and crowds in connection with the 2026 FIFA World Cup, 250<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations, Fleet Week, and other events.
- Expect increases in heat-related illnesses, gastrointestinal illnesses, travel-related infections, sexually transmitted infections, and alcohol and substance use.
  - **Anticipate future advisories, FIFA World Cup resources, webinars, and a NYC Health Department FIFA webpage for healthcare providers in the coming weeks.**
    - Register for the NYC Health Department Webinar on [FIFA World Cup & Reporting Protocols \(Reporting 101\)](#)
    - Register for and watch recordings to the [Project ECHO FIFA Webinar Series](#).
- **Healthcare provider communication is a key public health preparedness priority for the NYC Health Department; [please complete a brief survey regarding your communication preferences here.](#)**

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From June to July 2026, New York (NY) and New Jersey (NJ) will be a hub for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Eight matches will be held at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey, including the final match on July 19.

Several watch parties and fan activities are scheduled around NYC. Other large high-profile events are scheduled during the same time, including the [Sail 250](#) parade of tall ships, as part of the U.S. 250<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. With an expected increase in

visitors and mass gatherings, the NYC Health Department is preparing for an increased risk of public health events and possible increases in healthcare utilization.

NYC healthcare systems and healthcare providers should anticipate increases in [heat-related illnesses](#), gastrointestinal illnesses, [travel-associated infectious diseases](#), [sexually transmitted infections](#), and alcohol and substance use.

To prepare healthcare providers for the FIFA World Cup, the NYC Health Department will provide routine updates before and throughout the summer. Further details on key clinical considerations, comprehensive public health risks, provider-specific FIFA World Cup resources, and webinars will be on the NYC Health Department FIFA Provider website, slated to launch in the coming weeks. For upcoming provider webinars, along with past recordings, register below:

- NYC Health Department Webinar on Reporting Protocols (FIFA World Cup & Reporting 101) - Register [here](#).
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue [Project ECHO FIFA Webinar Series](#).

**To help us improve healthcare provider emergency and non-urgent communications, we are asking NYC healthcare providers to participate in a brief survey. [Please complete the survey by clicking here](#).** We are grateful for your participation and input.

Thank you for your commitment and collaboration in making this summer's events safe and healthy for New Yorkers and all who visit our city.