

DSHS World Cup Activities



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Region 6 Game Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June	8 ★ FanFest Begins	9	10	11 ★ 1 st Game in Mexico	12 ★ 1 st US Game in LA	13	14 1500 - DFW Netherlands vs. Japan 1200 - HOU Germany vs. Curacao
	15	16	17 1500 - DFW England vs. Croatia 1200 - HOU Portugal vs. DRC	18	19	20 1200 - HOU Netherlands vs. Grp F PO Winner	21
	22 1500 - DFW Argentina vs. Austria	23 1200 - HOU Portugal vs. Uzbekistan	24	25 1500 - DFW Japan vs. Grp F PO Winner	26 1900 - HOU Cape Verde vs. Saudi Arabia	27 2100 - DFW Jordan vs. Argentina	28
July	29 1200 - HOU	30 1500 - DFW	1	2	3 1500 - DFW	4 ★ 1200 - HOU	5
	6 1600 - DFW	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14 1400 - DFW	15	16	17	18	19 ★ Final Game in New Jersey

Notes:

1. Stadiums will be open 3hrs prior and 2hrs after schedules games
2. Soccer games average 2hrs

FIFA World Cup 2026 Timeline

- **December 5th**: “Draw Date” Lottery process to assign teams to match play groups.
 - Which teams will be playing Group Play matches
- **January/February**: 48 Team Base camp (TBCs) locations released (some in Texas)
- **March 31st**: Final 6 teams qualify
- **May/June**: Teams begin arriving at Team Base Camps (TBCs)
- **June 11th**: 1st match of tournament (Mexico City)
- **June 12th**: 1st match in US (Los Angeles)
- **June 14th**: 1st matches in Texas (Dallas & Houston)
- **July 4th**: Final match in Houston
- **July 14th**: Final match in Texas (Dallas)
- **July 19th**: Championship (New York City)



39 days from
Opening Match to
Final Match; 30 days
in Texas

16 matches in Texas
Dallas: 9
Houston: 7



Houston Schedule (PHR 6/5S)

7 matches at Houston Stadium (aka NRG Stadium)

Group Play	Playoffs
June 14 (Germany vs. Curacao)	June 29 (Brazil/Morocco/ Scotland/Haiti vs. Netherlands/Japan/Tunisia/Ukraine /Sweden/Albania)
June 17 (Portugal vs. COD)	July 4 (Mexico /South Korea /South Africa/Denmark/North Macedonia/Czechia/Canada/Switzerland /Qatar/Northern Ireland/Wales/Bosnia vs. Brazil/Morocco/Scotland/Haiti/ Netherlands/Japan/Tunisia/Ukraine/ Sweden/Albania)
June 20 (Netherlands vs. Albania/Sweden/Ukraine)	
June 23 (Portugal vs. Uzbekistan)	
June 26 (Cabo Verde vs. Saudi Arabia)	



Dallas Schedule (PHR 2/3)

9 matches at Dallas Stadium (aka AT&T Stadium in Arlington)

Group Play	Playoffs
June 14 (Netherlands vs. Japan)	June 30 – Germany/Ecuador/Ivory Coast/Curacao vs. France/Senegal/Norway/Iraq
June 17 (England vs. Croatia)	July 3 – USA/Paraguay/Australia/Slovakia/Kosovo/Turkey/Romania vs. Belgium/Iran/Egypt/New Zealand
June 22 (Argentina vs. Austria)	July 6 – Portugal/Colombia/Uzbekistan/DR Congo/England/Croatia/Panama/Ghana vs. Spain/Uruguay/Saudi/Cape Verde/Argentina/Austria/Algeria/Jordan
June 25 (Japan vs. Albania/Sweden/Ukraine)	July 14 – Semi Finals
June 27 (Jordan vs. Argentina)	



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Base Camp Locations

- **Confirmed locations**

- Austin:
 - Team: Saudi Arabia
 - Hotel: Four Seasons Hotel Austin
 - Stadium: Austin FC Stadium (Q2 Stadium)
- Frisco:
 - Team: Sweden
 - Hotel: Westin Stonebriar Golf Resort and Spa
 - Stadium: Toyota Stadium (Home of FC Dallas)
- Houston
 - Team: DR Congo
 - Hotel: Hotel-Houston Omni
 - Stadium: SaberCat Stadium
- Mansfield:
 - Team: Czechia
 - Hotel: Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel
 - Stadium: Texas Health Mansfield Stadium

*June 6th Exhibition Match
Argentina V. Honduras
Kyle Field*

Cotton Bowl and SMU are venue-specific training sites



DSHS Preparedness & Response Activities

Identified 9 Lines of Effort in support of World Cup planning

- LOE 1: Assess Public Health/Medical Needs
- LOE 2: Conduct Health Surveillance
- LOE 3: Prepare for Medical Surge Due to a Disaster
- LOE 4: Support Patient Care and Movement During a Disaster
- LOE 5 Ensure Food Safety and Defense
- LOE 6: Provide Guidance on Potable Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Disposal
- LOE 7: Provide Public Health and Medical Information
- LOE 8: All Hazards Public Health and Medical Consultation, Technical Assistance, and Support
- LOE 9: Fatality Management



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DSHS Preparedness & Response Activities

- DSHS planning activities
 - Gain and maintain situational awareness regarding tournament activities and of ESF-8 partner activities
 - Establish a common operating picture
 - Facilitate ESF-8 working groups and Tabletop Exercises with partners (Regional, Central Office, Fed/State partners)
 - Identify gaps and anticipated support requirements
 - Identify threats and potential responses
- ESF-8 partners continue to conduct regional training and exercises covering a range of public health threat responses
- Monitoring the current status of the Biowatch program and anticipated operations during World Cup



DSHS Preparedness & Response Activities

- State Medical Operations Center will mirror State Operations Center and will be activated on match days in Texas and monitor throughout 34 days (June 11 – July 14)
- Regional ESF-8 partners plan to support or activate in various Emergency Operations Centers
- In coordination with TDEM, Emergency Medical Task Force All Hazards packages to be staged in Houston and DFW to support disaster response; finalizing packages with regional and state partners
- Coordinating with local, state and federal partners on radiation detection support
- Public Health Regions working with jurisdictions to ensure over CHEMPACKs are fully stocked and available within the two regions (PHR 2/3 & PHR 6/5)
- Receiving, Staging & Storage sites for secure, state-designated warehouses that receive, manage, and distribute Strategic National Stockpile medical countermeasures (vaccines, drugs, PPE) have been identified



World Cup Agency Exercises

Tabletop Exercise #1

Date & Time: Monday, May 4th

Topic: Mass Casualty Incident & Radiation Event

Participants: Members of the DSHS FIFA World Cup 2026 Central Office Workgroup, Regional Workgroup, Agency Leadership, SMOC rostered personnel

SMOC Annual Exercise

Date & Time: (Day 0) May 8th 7:30pm-4:00pm, (Day 1) May 11th & (Day 2) May 12th Day Shift 6:30am-12:00pm, Night Shift 11:30am-5:00pm

Topic: Hurricane Striking Gulf Coast During World Cup

Participants: All members on the SMOC roster

Tabletop Exercise #2

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 19th

Topic: Infectious Disease

Participants: Members of the DSHS FIFA World Cup 2026 Central Office Workgroup, Regional Workgroup, Agency Leadership, SMOC rostered personnel



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Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) list of Health Conditions or Incidents that could impact Human Health for Public Health Preparedness for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Games in Texas

Purpose: This list was created by DSHS for public health planning purposes for the 2026 FIFA World Cup games in Texas.

- Each health condition or incident that could impact human health is designated as either high, moderate, or low impact or frequency based on an evaluation conducted by DSHS. Health conditions were evaluated using several metrics to gauge the likelihood of occurring and its resulting impact.
- **High Impact or Frequency:** represent health conditions or incidents that may present a significant public health concern during the 2026 FIFA World Cup due to their potential for increased probability of occurrence and/or transmission (due to influx of international travelers or mass gathering environments) and/or additional negative health impacts.
- **Moderate and Low Impact or Frequency:** represent health conditions or incidents that are less likely to have a significant increase of occurrence, transmission, and/or negative health impacts during the 2026 FIFA World Cup but may still require additional public health planning.



Note: Conditions are not listed in any specific ranked order within each category

DSHS List of Health Conditions/Incidents for Public Health Preparedness for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Games in Texas		
High Impact or Frequency	Moderate Impact or Frequency	Low Impact or Frequency
High Consequence Infectious Diseases ¹	<i>Cyclospora</i>	<i>Naegleria fowleri</i>
Select Respiratory Illnesses ²	New World Screwworm	Mumps
Select Vaccine-Preventable Diseases ³	Brucellosis	Rubella
Select Foodborne/Waterborne Conditions ⁴	Human Rabies	Hepatitis C
Select Zoonotic Conditions ⁵	Hantavirus	Select Multidrug-Resistant Organisms (MDROs) ¹⁰
Heat-related Illnesses	Malaria	Leptospirosis
Injuries	Sexually Transmitted Infections ⁹	
EMS Responses (including Trauma Responses)		
Alcohol/Drug Poisonings		
Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) Incidents ^{6,7}		
Natural Disasters ⁷		
Mass Casualty Incidents ^{7,8}		
Cyberattack Incidents ⁷		

¹Filoviruses (Ebola, Marburg), New World Arenaviruses (Chapare, Guanarito, Junin, Sabia), Old World Arenaviruses (Lassa, Lujo), Bunyavirales (Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever), Nipah, Smallpox, Monkeypox

²Influenza (seasonal), Novel influenza (e.g., H5N1), Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection (RSV), Tuberculosis, Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)/Other novel Coronaviruses, Legionellosis, COVID-19

³Measles, Diphtheria, Polio, *Neisseria meningitidis*, Pertussis, Hepatitis A

⁴ Botulism, *Listeria*, *Salmonella* Typhi/Paratyphi, Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC), Cholera (toxigenic *Vibrio cholera* O1 or O13), *Vibrio* (*Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, *vulnificus*, and other *Vibrio* infections), Shigella, *Salmonella*, *Cryptosporidium*, *Campylobacter*, *Yersinia enterocolitica*, Norovirus

⁵Anthrax, Tularemia, *Yersinia pestis* (Plague), Melioidosis, Dengue, Chikungunya, Yellow Fever, West Nile, Oropouche, Zika, St. Louis Encephalitis

⁶If a determination is made that incidents are intentional and/or targeted (and not naturally occurring) then they are considered human-made disasters. These types of disasters trigger involvement from the Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (CHEPR) for disaster epidemiology surveillance activities. For more information, please see the CHEPR Disaster Response & Recovery website at: [Disaster Response & Recovery | Texas DSHS](#)

⁷The State Medical Operation Center (SMOC) serves as the Emergency Support Function (ESF)-8 (Public Health & Medical) lead to support the Texas State Operations Center (SOC). The SMOC provides operational support and coordination of state-level ESF-8 response activities during disasters. During a SMOC activation, any impacts to human health based on these incidents could trigger involvement from CHEPR (see footnote 6).

⁸Mass casualty incidents, such as active killer who actively engages in killing through use of firearms, vehicles or other means, could result in mass fatalities. High density crowd incidents, such as stampedes, trampling or civil disturbances could also lead to mass casualties and fatalities. Natural disasters and CBRNE incidents may also produce mass casualties and fatalities. Disaster mortality surveillance can be conducted for mass fatalities.

⁹HIV, Syphilis, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Chancroid

¹⁰*Candida auris*, Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacterales*, Vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VRSA), Vancomycin-intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus* (VISA), Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB), Carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (CRPA)

Questions?



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