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Clinical Health Advisory: Preparing for Possible Increase of Travel-Related and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases During the 2026 World Cup

This is an advisory notification to Central Health Medicare Plan (CHP) network providers applicable to CHP Medicare business.

What you need to know:

The 2026 FIFA World Cup runs from June 11 through July 19, 2026, bringing increased domestic and international travel to Southern California, including higher passenger volume through Ontario International Airport.

The Department of Public Health is working closely with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to strengthen public health support and preparedness and response to potential health risks and infectious disease outbreaks that occur with increased travel and large gatherings.

When this is happening:

Enhanced clinical vigilance is recommended throughout the World Cup tournament, June 11–July 19, 2026.

Provider Action

Providers are encouraged to maintain heightened awareness for the following diseases during FIFA World Cup-related activities:

- Measles
- Respiratory viruses
- Tuberculosis
- Norovirus / acute gastroenteritis
- Foodborne illness
- Meningococcal disease
- Mpox
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Travel-associated and mosquito-borne infections
- Viral hemorrhagic fever

Promptly identify, isolate, and report suspected cases of immediately reportable diseases, including measles, without waiting for laboratory confirmation.

Review infection prevention protocols, ensure appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is available, and encourage patients to stay up to date on recommended immunizations.

For more information, please visit the [FIFA World Cup 2026 Preparedness Resources](#) · [NETEC Resource Library](#)

What if you need assistance?

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your CHP Provider Relations Representative at PRCalifornia@molinahealthcare.com.