

# Healthcare Systems Update

World Cup 2026



## FIFA World Cup 2026™ Qualified Teams



## EUROPEAN PLAY-OFF

4 TEAMS WILL QUALIFY FOR FIFA WORLD CUP 26™



## FIFA PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENT

2 TEAMS WILL QUALIFY FOR FIFA WORLD CUP 26™



## December 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule Results

### Group Stage Matches

Sunday June 14

- Germany v Curaçao @ noon CST

Wednesday June 17

- Portugal v qualifying /TBD @ noon CST

Saturday June 20

- Netherlands vs qualifying/TBD @ noon CST

Tuesday June 23

- Portugal v Uzbekistan @ noon CST

Friday June 26:

- Cabo Verde v Saudi Arabia @ 7pm CST



The graphic displays the Group Stage match schedule for the FIFA 2026 Houston tournament. It features a blue background with white and yellow geometric patterns. At the top, the FIFA 2026 Houston logo is shown, including the trophy icon and the text 'FIFA 2026 HOUSTON'. Below the logo, the words 'GROUP STAGE' are written in large, bold, white capital letters. The schedule is presented in five horizontal white bars, each representing a match. Each bar contains the names of the teams, their respective flags, a central 'V' for versus, the FIFA logo, and the match date and time. The matches are as follows:

Match	Team 1	Team 2	Date & Time
1	GERMANY	CURAÇAO	JUNE 14 - 12:00 PM CT
2	PORTUGAL	COD/JAM/NCL	JUNE 17 - 12:00 PM CT
3	NETHERLANDS	UKR/SWE/POL/ALB	JUNE 20 - 12:00 PM CT
4	PORTUGAL	UZBEKISTAN	JUNE 23 - 12:00 PM CT
5	CABO VERDE	SAUDI ARABIA	JUNE 26 - 7:00 PM CT



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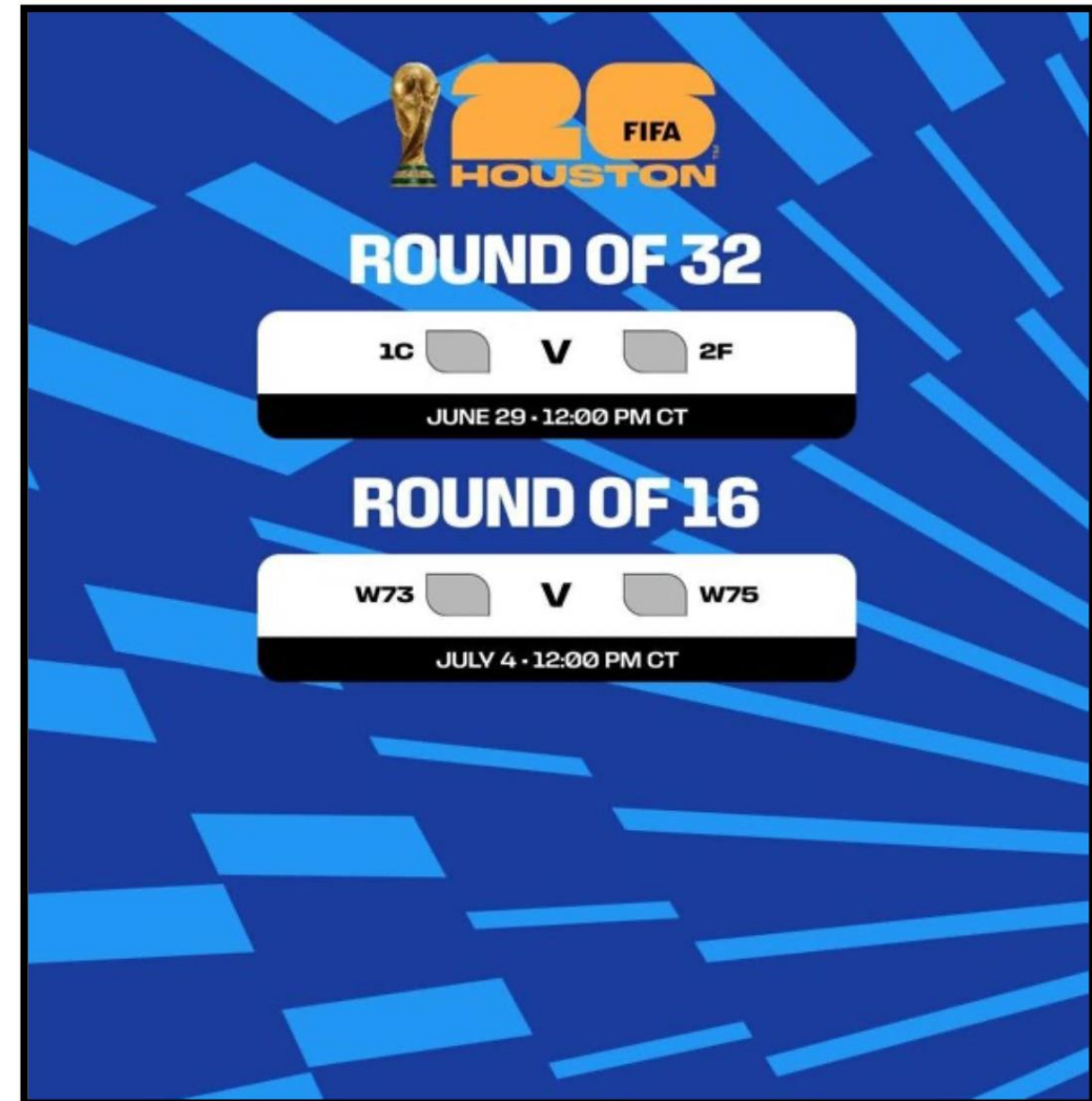
### Knockout Round

Monday June 29 - Round of 32

- 1C vs. 2F @ noon CST
- **If the seedings hold, Brazil vs. Japan**

Saturday July 4 - Round of 16

- Winner of 73 vs Winner of 75 @ noon CST
- **Too early to publicly lay out the Round of 16 possibilities.**



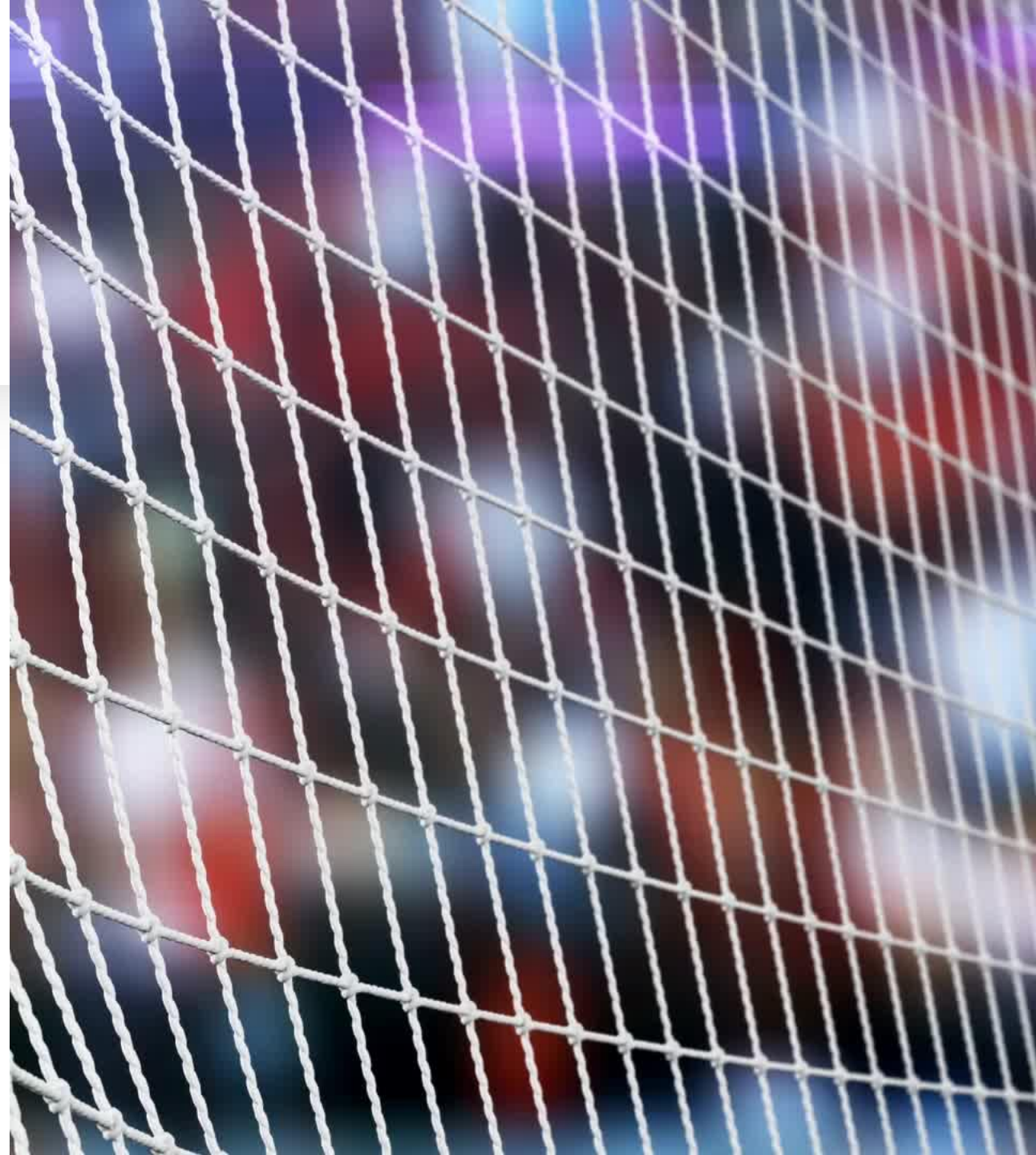


## Draw Results

- 3 of the Top 10 teams
  - #6 Portugal
  - #7 Netherlands
  - #9 Germany
- Portugal with 2 games
  - Ronaldo's last WC
- Cape Verde, Curacao, and Uzbekistan all qualified for the WC for the first time in History

# Draw Results

- Teams going to final stage of qualifying
  - Playing Netherlands: Sweden, Poland, Albania, and Ukraine
  - Playing Portugal: DR Congo, Jamaica, and New Caledonia
- Portugal and Netherlands are both seeking to win their first WC
- Germany has won 4 WC's
- Portugal, Netherlands, and Germany among the most passionate and well-traveled fan bases in the world
  - Except lots of fans
  - Netherlands may have the largest traveling fan base



# Host City Footprint



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- **NRG Park (Houston Stadium)**
  - NRG Stadium, NRG Arena, NRG Center
- **FIFA Fan Festival**
  - Planned for EaDo/south of Shell Energy Stadium with the intention to operate throughout the entire 38-day tournament window
- Volunteer Center: POST Houston
- Main Ticketing Center: POST Houston
- Airports: IAH, HOU and EFD\*
- Official Hotels: Galleria, Med Center, Downtown





# Host City Footprint Cont.

- Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS): Match Day -1
  - As a Host City, we need to offer one primary and one secondary training site location for teams traveling to play in our city/at NRG Stadium
  - Shell Energy Stadium (confirmed) and TBD secondary site as needed
- Team Base Camps (TBC)
  - **If selected - these teams will reside/stay in Houston for 4-6 weeks and travel to other host cities for their matches**
  - Teams will not play all (or potentially any) of their games in selected basecamp cities
  - **Base camps will be selected by teams in January 2026**
  - SaberCats Stadium (Hwy 288)



FIFA World Cup 26™ expands Team Base Camp brochure: new options added



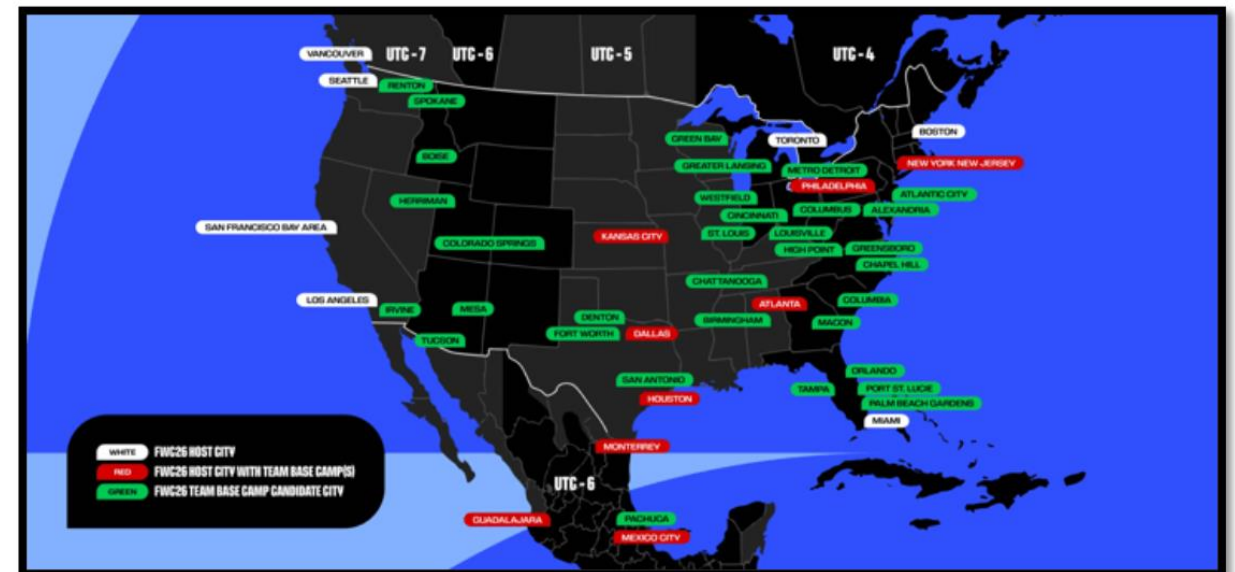
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Houston | Houston Sports Park



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# Planning

# General Planning Updates

- Ongoing
- Base Camps: TBD End January/February
  - Teams visiting Houston
- Most plans complete, minor changes expected
- Mile March: still an unknown, awaiting route decisions
- Public Health
  - Researching endemic and novel diseases in each team country and potential for local exposure via FIFA associated travel
  - Comparative heat and heat index extremes associated to each region



# What does this event mean for Hospitals?



## Hospital Capacity

Significant population surge (up to 300,000+)  
Capacity in the ED  
Ambulance Wall Time  
Medical Tourism



## Mitigation Being undertaken

ETHAN – alternate destinations  
Increased Staffing at the Sobering Center  
Onsite medical for Fanfest  
EMS surge capacity (35-50 units extra on the streets)  
May transport to freestanding ER's

# FIFA Command and Control

- FIFA Tournament Operations Center (TOC) - Dallas
- Houston EOC – *not FIFA, Game Days only*
- Transtar (COH, HC, TXDOT, Metro – Regional Consortium)
  - 120A – FIFA MACC
  - 120B – Local Area Command (FIFA Resources)
  - 108 - JIC
  - 216 – Regional Mobility
  - 217 – VIP Escorts
  - Each venue – Incident Complex with Unified Command
    - NRG
    - Fan Fest
    - Team Hotels
    - Practice Venues
    - Etc..



# Regional EM - Maintaining Core Services



- How will you maintain your Core Services?
  - Limited Mutual Aid
  - Visitor Population Surge (TBD)
    - Hotels, VRBOs
    - Language Challenges (Houston - 6)
- Weather
  - Heat/Humidity
  - Hurricane Season
    - Evacuations
    - Response Resources
- Jurisdiction Events
  - “Watch Parties”
    - FIFA Sanctioned vs Non-Sanctioned



	2025 CSU PREDICTION	2024 SEASON	AVERAGE (1991-2020)
<b>Named Storms</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Hurricanes</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Major Hurricanes</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>



# Next Meeting

February

# What Questions Do You Have?

