



## SETRAC Daily Brief 6/9/26

**Slide 2:** As we enter the operational period for FIFA World Cup 2026, SETRAC has implemented a comprehensive regional coordination plan to support healthcare system situational awareness, patient tracking, and medical operations throughout the event.

From June 11 through July 19, SETRAC will maintain daily representation within Unified Command and will provide liaison support to the Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC), Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management, Harris County Office of Emergency Management, and the Sugar Land Emergency Operations Center on game days and other periods of heightened activity. These efforts are intended to ensure timely information sharing, facilitate healthcare coordination, and support operational decision-making across the region.

**Slide 3:** This is where we will collate all patient encounters by location in Pulsara and report the previous 24-hour period.

**Slide 4:** Houston 6/9 – soft opening of Fan Fest 4p-9p

COHHD begins epi monitoring

Houston 6/10 - Opening Day ceremonies at Fan Fest – 12:30p – 11p

Sugarland 6/10 - Watch Party Mexico vs S. Africa at 2pm (game of significant interest)

**Slide 5:** The City of Houston is the lead agency for this event, therefore HFD will be the lead agency for medical response throughout the event. Currently, HFD has contracted to bring in additional EMS units to supplement anticipated increases in daily call volumes and provide surge support to events such as Fan Fest and The Fan Marches.

All calls for HFD service will follow their daily routine – the ambulances responding to calls will contact the Base Station for hospital destination. Patients will be tracked in Pulsara, and the Base Station will make every effort to notify receiving hospitals. If a patient arrives from a FIFA related event without an armband or not in Pulsara, we are asking the hospitals to please place an armband on the patient and scan them into the appropriate event in Pulsara.

**Fan Fest** – Fan Fest will be open daily during the tournament. Start and stop times will vary. The SETRAC Mobile Medical Unit 2.0 will be on site and staffed with ED trained doctors and nurses to treat minor emergencies and stabilize patients requiring transportation to a hospital. HFD will also utilize ETHAN (Emergency Telehealth and Navigation) to redirect non-emergency care to FSED, Urgent Care Centers, and/or same day clinics. A transportation component is also included in ETHAN to keep ambulances free. All patients seen in the Fan Fest Medical Complex will be tracked by Pulsara.

**Fan March** – none confirmed until 6/20. In support of the Netherlands vs. Sweden match on June 20, two organized fan marches are planned, each beginning at different times and locations, and following designated routes toward the venue. To help minimize traffic impacts, each march route has been divided into three operational sectors. This approach allows portions of the route to remain open to vehicle traffic while other sectors are actively supporting the movement of fans. The intent is to maintain traffic flow as long as possible and reduce disruptions to key transportation corridors, especially those serving the Texas Medical Center.

Plan for intermittent traffic delays and you may wish to avoid the following locations between approximately 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.:

- Greenbriar Drive between University Boulevard and Fannin Street
- Cambridge Street from East Road southward along the fan march route
- Adjacent streets and intersections along the designated march corridors

Additional considerations:

Traffic restrictions will be implemented in phases as the marches progress through each sector.

- Access for emergency vehicles remains a priority throughout the event.
- HPD will coordinate closely with agencies requiring access through affected areas.
- FIFA and event organizers have committed to maintaining emergency access and supporting public safety operations.

**Games** – 2pm Mexico vs S Africa

9pm S Korea vs Czechia

**Other Activities** – none scheduled

**Road Closures** –

HPD has not yet released the official routes for the Fan Marches. They have security concerns with releasing those routes early. HPD will determine when it is operationally appropriate to release those routes. If we receive them, we will share with you.

For access into and around the TMC, on Game Days, the official closure map has not yet been released. Closures may begin as much as 6 hours before the game and 2 hours after the game ends. This will affect staff arriving and departing from their shifts.

While final plans have not yet been released, and HPD will establish the official perimeter, we suggest you expect security perimeters similar to Rodeo or Super Bowl – these may include full or partial closures on match days of:

- Kirby Drive (especially near McNee Rd and Westridge),
- Fannin Street near the stadium perimeter,
- Murworth Drive,
- Lantern Point Drive,
- Stadium Drive / NRG Park

Expect high traffic volumes at main event ingress routes from: Loop 610 South, State Highway 288, Old Spanish Trail, and Holly Hall.

- If necessary, march activities can be temporarily paused to allow emergency vehicles or other critical traffic to move through the area.

**Weather** - High temperatures around 90°F across most of the metro area.

Very humid conditions, with heat index values near or above 100°F this afternoon.

Mostly dry for much of the day, but there is a 20–30% chance of isolated afternoon thunderstorms, especially north and west of Houston. Any storm that develops could produce brief heavy rain, lightning, and gusty winds.

Overnight lows will remain warm, generally in the upper 70s.

The good news is that there are currently no tropical threats in the Gulf, and hurricane activity is quiet at this time.

**Slide 6:**

- To maintain regional situational awareness and patient accountability, all patients associated with a World Cup sanctioned or unsanctioned event should be entered into Pulsara and assigned a regional wristband whenever possible. EMS agencies should apply a wristband and initiate the Pulsara incident upon patient contact. Hospitals should apply a wristband and enter the patient into Pulsara if the patient self-presents or arrives without a wristband. A dedicated World Cup Incident has been established within Pulsara. When entering a patient, simply assign them to the appropriate area of operation (e.g., Fan Fest, Stadium, Team Base Camp, etc.). If the location is not listed, please assign the patient to the "Other" category. If there is uncertainty regarding patient categorization or reporting requirements, please contact SETRAC and we will assist.
- SETRAC's Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC) will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the operational period. CMOC can be reached at 281-822-4444 (Option 2) or by email at [cmoc@setrac.org](mailto:cmoc@setrac.org) for any healthcare coordination needs, resource requests, patient movement concerns, or situational awareness reporting.