

2026 FIFA World Cup Blood Center Preparedness – Cheat Sheet

High-Level Objectives

- Maintain continuous operations during match periods.
- Ensure safe, adequate inventory across host and adjacent regions.
- Strengthen communication with hospitals, EMS and emergency management.
- Protect logistics, information systems and staffing against disruptions.
- Coordinate nationally through the Task Force as needed.

World Cup 2026 Key Facts

- Dates: June 11 – July 19, 2026.
- 48 teams, 104 matches across 16 cities in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.
- U.S. host cities are Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New York/New Jersey, Philadelphia, San Francisco Bay Area and Seattle.
- Expect large crowds, transportation congestion, donor surges and potential route disruptions.

AABB Interorganizational Task Force on Domestic Disasters and Acts of Terrorism (Task Force) – What to Know

- Coordinates national blood supply in emergencies.
- Activated immediately upon notification of incidents affect blood collection or distribution.
- Local facilities and hospital partners must assess medical needs, evaluate blood inventory and communicate status to the [Task Force](#).

Pre-Event Preparedness

- Reach a seven-day inventory before peak match windows (prioritize red blood cells (O-/O+) and platelets).
- Review established standard operation procedures supporting operational readiness, as listed in the following bullets, and business continuity.
- Verify generators, controlled temperature storage environments redundancy, downtime workflows and alternate sites.
- Activate 24/7 duty phone tree; confirm communication channels.
- Validate courier contracts, alternate routes and chain-of-custody processes.
- Confirm daily information system backups
- Confirm daily inventory of critical supplies and downtime kits.

Match-Day Operations

- Activate IMT and begin 30/60/120-minute situation reporting.
- Confirm actual medical need with hospital partners and EMS providing prehospital transfusion services.

- Prioritize group O (+/-) red blood cells as needed and coordinate with the Task Force for additional inventory needs.
- Monitor inventory at defined intervals to ensure availability, such as every 2–4 hours; check transportation services status at defined intervals.
- Maintain consistent communication and public messaging, including promoting donation appointments and mitigate unnecessary blood donor surges.

Post-Event Actions

- Reconcile downtime records and document deviations per established SOPs.
- Conduct after-action review within 14 days.
- Update emergency plans and procedures with lessons learned and communicate inventory normalization.

U.S. World Cup Host Cities Local Emergency Management Contacts

- **Atlanta** – Mercedes-Benz Stadium (GA)
Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (AFCEMA)
<https://fultoncountyga.gov/inside-fulton-county/fulton-county-departments/atlanta-fulton-emergency-management-agency>
- **Boston** - (Foxborough) — Gillette Stadium (MA)
Boston Office of Emergency Management
<https://www.boston.gov/departments/emergency-management>
- **Dallas** (Arlington) - AT&T Stadium (TX)
Dallas Office of Emergency Management
<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/officeemergencymanagement/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Houston** - NRG Stadium (TX)
Houston Office of Emergency Management
<https://houstonoem.org>
- **Kansas City** (MO) - Arrowhead Stadium
Kansas City Office of Emergency Management
<https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/city-manager-s-office/office-of-emergency-management>
- **Los Angeles** (Inglewood) — SoFi Stadium (CA)
Los Angeles – LA Emergency Management Department
<https://emergency.lacity.gov>
- **Miami** (Miami Gardens) - Hard Rock Stadium (FL)
Miami-Dade Emergency Management Department
<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/emergency/home.page>
- **New York / New Jersey** (East Rutherford) — MetLife Stadium (Final venue)
New Jersey Office of Emergency Management
<https://nj.gov/njoem/>

- **Philadelphia** –Lincoln Financial Field (PA)
Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management
<https://www.phila.gov/departments/oem>
- **San Francisco Bay Area** (Santa Clara) — Levi’s Stadium (CA)
San Francisco – San Francisco Department of Emergency Management
<https://www.sf.gov/departments--department-emergency-management>
- **Seattle** - Lumen Field (WA)
Seattle – Seattle Office of Emergency Management
<https://www.seattle.gov/emergency-management>

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