

Know Before You Go

Staying Safe and Healthy at Special Events this Summer

Philadelphia is hosting a series of special events in 2026, including the FIFA World Cup, America250, and the MLB All-Star Game. Here are some ways you can stay safe and healthy this summer when attending an event or spending time in the city.

Wash your hands often and well.

Germs can spread from person to person and from surfaces to people.

Washing your hands can help keep you healthy and prevent the spread of illnesses, especially during these key times:



Before, during, and after preparing and/or eating food.



Before and after caring for someone who is sick.



After using the bathroom or changing diapers.



After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.



If soap and water aren't available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Learn more at: [chop.edu/conditions-diseases/handwashing](https://www.chop.edu/conditions-diseases/handwashing)

Stay home or at your hotel if you don't feel well.

If you aren't feeling well, staying home or at your hotel is best for your recovery and for others.

If your symptoms aren't too bad, get rest, hydrate, and monitor how you feel. To prevent the spread of illness and germs to others:



Cover your cough and sneezes.



Seek medical care if your symptoms get worse.



Wear a mask in crowded public spaces if you go out while you are sick.

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Protect yourself against mosquitoes and ticks.

Mosquitoes and ticks are common in Philadelphia during the summer. Most bites will just be itchy, but some can spread germs that make you sick. Preventing these bites is the best way to protect you and your family from infections like West Nile Virus and Lyme disease.

Here's what you can do to protect yourself:



Use bug spray, ideally repellent with 20-30% DEET.

It is safe for children over 2 months old and people who are pregnant or breastfeeding.



Cover up by wearing long sleeves, long pants, and socks.

When it's warm out, prioritize bug spray.



Avoid wooded areas with high grass.

Look for ticks on your clothes after coming indoors and shower, ideally within 2 hours.



Remove ticks as soon as possible using a plain set of tweezers.

If you develop a rash or fever, seek medical care.

Stay Connected

Find official information about the FIFA World Cup and resources to make your visit safe and memorable.

On Social Media



WhatsApp:

FIFA 2026 Philadelphia
Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management



Instagram:

City of Philadelphia (@cityofphiladelphia)
Philadelphia Office of Special Events (@phillymdoevents)



Facebook:

Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management (@PhilaOEM)



2026 Access Philly: *Apple App Store and Google Play*

This event discovery app keeps you connected to everything happening across Philadelphia in 2026.

Via Text

ReadyPhiladelphia:

Text **CupPHL to 888-777**

for texts on severe weather, mass transit, emergency info, and more.

Note: Devices must be registered to a U.S. phone number to receive texts.

On the City Website

2026 Philadelphia Resource Hub:

The City created this resource to ensure everyone can experience Philadelphia's 2026 special events and celebrate America's 250th birthday.

