



## Play to Win: Healthcare and Public Health Preparedness for Mass Gatherings

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Thousands of pre-planned mass gatherings and special events (e.g., sporting events, festivals, conventions, visits by dignitaries) occur each year across the nation. Unfortunately, in today's environment, special events attended by large numbers of people may be considered as terrorist targets due to large concentrations of crowds, the symbolic nature of the event, high-profile attendees, and increased media such as heat and storms can also mass casualty event. Mass infectious disease outbreaks or may adaptations or restrictions. Large overwhelm the healthcare capacity alcohol or drugs are present. Finally, induced by panic) can cause for these reasons that local, state, anticipate the public health and gatherings and prepare adequately. Using incident management systems events as "planned emergencies" emergency response should an incident occur.

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attention. Severe weather events quickly turn a mass gathering into a gatherings also pose a risk for be held during an outbreak requiring concentrations of people may in a given area, particularly when surging crowds (which may be trampling or suffocation events. It is and federal authorities should medical issues presented by mass for a range of response operations. for planning and operating these allows a rapid transition to

The speakers in this webinar will highlight their experiences preparing for the 2026 World Cup games and related events being planned across the U.S. Topics will include preparing for infectious disease incidents; how health care coalitions and Medical Reserve Corps units can support regional planning and healthcare in a variety of settings; and how ASPR is preparing to provide support from a federal perspective.

### SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS

**Administrative Remarks:** **Rachel Lehman**, Director (Acting), ASPR TRACIE and **CAPT Samantha Spindel, Ph.D**, Director (Acting), Office of Medical Reserve Corps

**ASPR Opening Remarks:** **CDR Shelsy Cannon, MS, BSN, RN**, US Public Health Service, ASPR Regional Emergency Coordinator, Region 3

**Moderator:** **John Hick, MD**, Hennepin Healthcare and ASPR TRACIE Senior Editor

#### Speakers:

- **Steven Hoeger**, Director, Corporate Emergency Management, University Health (Kansas)
- **Alexander Isakov, MD, MPH**, Executive Director, Health Security, Emory University, NETEC EMS Workgroup Co-Lead
- **Brooke Lawrence**, Executive Director, Rhode Island Medical Reserve Corps

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