



READY FOR EVERY MATCH

Naloxone on site saves lives.

Why naloxone belongs in World Cup safety planning

World Cup 2026 will be one of the largest sporting events hosted in the United States. Large events require more than crowd control and traffic plans. They require health readiness that reflects the real risks people face before, during and after the match.

Naloxone is one of the clearest preparedness steps available. CDC states that naloxone is safe and can reverse overdose from opioids, including fentanyl. FDA has also approved over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray, making it easier for states, venues and community partners to include it in public safety planning.

The point is not to assume overdose will happen at a match. The point is to prepare because overdose can happen anywhere people gather, and response time matters.

Naloxone readiness should be in place before match day begins.

Host communities should make naloxone easy to find, use, and built into the same safety planning used for other match day emergencies.

- **Stadium first aid stations**
- **Security and guest services posts**
- **Fan festivals and public viewing areas**
- **Hotels, restaurants, nightclubs and bars**
- **Transit hubs and rideshare pickup areas**
- **Parking lots and tailgate areas**
- **Volunteer check-in sites**
- **Large outdoor gathering spaces**
- **Mobile medical response teams**

Each location should have a clear staff lead, a restocking plan and a simple response protocol.