



RC/PIO News & Notes

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FIFA World Cup matches in Georgia have concluded, although there will still be watch parties and other events as the championship game approaches. Other highlights this week will be the quarterly DPH risk communicators meeting and the growing concern surrounding cyclosporiasis.



FIFA

The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup 2026 is down to the final games this weekend in Miami and New Jersey. Joint Operation Centers are being deactivated, and Atlanta Stadium is once again Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Large crowds of enthusiastic fans for both England and Argentina

flooded the streets surrounding the venue, where Argentina prevailed 2 to 1 on Wednesday.



Cyclosporiasis

Cases of cyclosporiasis have been increasing in recent weeks in much of the country, and on Monday, the state DPH provided a [news release](#) to draw attention to the threat. Georgians are advised to take extra precautions when handling and consuming fruits and vegetables to avoid contracting this gastrointestinal disease.

Quarterly DPH RC meeting

Invitations went out this week for the next quarterly DPH statewide Risk Communicators meeting to be held from 10:00 am until noon on Wednesday, July 29. Thanks to those who have agreed to present at this meeting. We'll be talking about FIFA games, hurricanes, the DPH Home Visiting program, and the latest on digital communications.

Next Week Preview

The monthly state EP meeting will be held on Tuesday. Throughout the week there are meetings and webinars related to tactical communications, extreme heat and other topics.

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