Syndromic Surveillance Guidelines for the National Scout Jamboree Query

INTRODUCTION: The National Scout Jamboree occurs every four years and draws thousands of scouts registered with Scouting America to Summit Bechtel Reserve in Fayetteville, West Virginia. This ten day event welcomes scouts, leaders, and staff to an adventure of learning, activities, and entertainment.

OBJECTIVE: To monitor emergency department (ED) visits to screen for injuries and illnesses related to the National Scout Jamboree.

ACTIVATION: Initiated 24 hours prior to the event. Monitoring begins Monday, July 20th, 2026 at the beginning of the event and concludes at the end of the event on July 31st, 2026.

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<tr><th colspan="2">Query Guidance</th><th>Inclusion Criteria</th></tr>
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<td>Query Fields:
Chief complaint history
Triage notes
Chief complaint combo free text
Admit reason combo
Chief complaint free text
CC and DD category free text
Discharge diagnosis
Discharge diagnosis combo free text
Clinical impression</td>
<td>Query:
^BSA^,OR,^scout^,OR,^boy scout^,OR,^boyscout^,OR,^girl scout^,OR,^girlscout^,OR,^jamboree^, OR,^scout jamboree^,OR,^boy scout jamboree^,OR,^boyscout jamboree^,OR,^girl scout jamboree^,OR,^girlscout jamboree^,OR,^scout^,OR,^scout camp^,OR,^camp^,OR,^girl scout camp^,OR,^girlscout camp^,OR,^boy scout camp^,OR,^boyscout camp^</td>
<td>Defined timeframe: July, 20, 2026 - July 31, 2026
Hospital specific - close to geographical proximity of the event:
Montgomery General
Plateau Medical Center
Raleigh General Hospital
Summersville Regional Medical Center
Greenbrier Valley Medical Center
Discharge diagnosis query covers additional data details such as:
Chief complaint
Triage notes
Clinical impression
Discharge diagnosis</td>
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PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS:

Pre-Travel and Pre-Event Preparation

- Check the CDC Travelers' Health portal for destination-specific health notices or special event alerts.
- Verify that routine and required vaccinations (such as meningococcal or regional mandates) are up to date before departure.
- Plan for emergency medical needs by mapping local healthcare access and venue exits upon arrival.

Healthy Behaviors and On-Site Mitigation

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Routinely disinfect common areas.
- Clearly mark on-site medical tents or on site isolation areas for anyone that falls ill during the event.

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- Advise attendees, vendors, and staff to promptly report illnesses.
- Recognize the signs of heat exhaustion.
- Provide access to cooling areas and provide drinking water to attendees to stay hydrated.
- Stay home and avoid traveling to, or attending large gatherings if you feel sick or test positive for a contagious illness.
- Maintain highly visible and staffed first aide posts capable of handling injuries and other medical emergencies.
- Follow local and venue-specific guidance regarding public health measures or documentation.

DATA LIMITATIONS:

- General illness visits to hospitals that do not specify attendance at the National Scout Jamboree should be excluded.
- Facility reporting may not include discharge diagnosis, and may only contain chief complaint data.
- Data is delayed and may arrive 24 hours later, and up to 72 hours from the emergency department visit.

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