



NFL Panthers to use SA germ-zapping robots at Bank of America Stadium

Xenex Disinfection Services is expanding to professional sports in a big way.

The San Antonio-based company, which makes germ-zapping robots that have been especially helpful in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, has struck a deal with the NFL's Carolina Panthers to deploy its technology at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte.

"When it comes to the NFL, it's one of the world's most recognized brands with some of the hardest-working players in the history of sports," Xenex CEO [Morris Miller](#) said. "We're just proud to be able to do this with them and for them."

The Panthers will deploy Xenex's LightStrike robots and pods to disinfect player and personnel spaces, as well as equipment. The robots will be used in suites, offices, rehabilitation areas, locker rooms, restrooms and weight rooms to minimize the risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus at Bank of America Stadium and at the team's training facilities.

The Panthers host the Arizona Cardinals on Oct. 4. Team officials said the Xenex robots are already in rotation throughout the stadium.

The Panthers have worked since March to develop a "comprehensive health and safety plan" to help people feel safe and comfortable returning to Bank of America Stadium, said [Eddie Levins](#), director of security and infection control officer for the Panthers and Bank of America Stadium.

"Xenex has been an important part of those efforts," he said.

LightStrike robots use pulsed xenon to create intense bursts of broad spectrum ultraviolet light that quickly destroy viruses and bacteria on surfaces. In May, I reported that testing by the Texas Biomedical Research Institute proved the robots can deactivate SARS-Cov-2, the virus that causes Covid.

"These players, their cardiovascular condition is unbelievable. They don't want to breathe in any kind of chemicals that are going to adversely affect their respiratory system while they are getting ready to play," Miller said. "Having something that leaves no chemical residue is a huge advantage in the sports industry."

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Miller said Xenex is in discussions with other professional sports teams and leagues. University stadiums are also potential customers.

"We've had some colleges that want to do this," he said.

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