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STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY COLOR CODES

Emergency Code	Translation
Attention **"Code HICS"** Hospital Incident Command System Activated. All leadership to report to BWY 2nd Floor Conference Rm	**Hospital Incident Command System Activated.** **"Urgent Manager Briefing & Response Planning Required"** All Dept Managers or Lead Persons to report to announced location for incident briefing. Implement Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan based upon briefing.
Attention **"Code Red"** Fire Alarm at: (Announced location)	**Fire / Smoke Alarm, or Actual Fire Condition:** This code may be used in conjunction with code Green. Determine your proximity to incident. RACE: *Rescue* those in danger. *Alarm*, Pull fire alarm & notify Switchboard. *Confine*, close all doors. *Extinguish*, use extinguisher on small fires. Prepare to evacuate immediate area as needed. Office staff to exit work area, close all doors, remain in hallway and await further instruction or all clear. Do not use elevators.
Attention **"Code Green"** Evacuate: (Announced location)	**Evacuate Announced Location:** (Code may be used in conjunction with other codes). Immediately evacuate the announced area. Patients should be moved laterally to another Unit on same floor. Or evacuated to announced location or staging area. Office occupants to evacuate as instructed.
Attention **"Rapid Response"** Medical Emergency at: (Announced location)	**Patient Condition Deteriorating:** Rapid Response Team to respond to location. Clinical Unit to move crash cart to area in need. Security to relocate visitors & family from immediate area.
Attention **"Code Blue"** Medical Emergency at: (Announced location)	**Cardiac or Respiratory Emergency:** Code Blue Team to respond to location. Clinical Unit to move crash cart to area in need. Security to relocate visitors & family from immediate area.
Attention **"Code Stroke"** Medical Emergency at: (Announced location)	**Stroke Emergency** Code Stroke Team to respond to location. Clinical Unit to move crash cart to area in need. Security to relocate visitors & family from immediate area.
Attention **"Code White"** Pediatric Medical Emergency (Announced location)	**Pediatric Medical Emergency:** Code White Team to respond to location. Clinical Unit to move crash cart to area in need. Security to relocate visitors & family from immediate area.
Attention **"Code Amber"** Child or Infant Missing from: (Announced location)	**Child or Infant Missing, or Abducted:** (Newborn to 14 yrs/old) Staff working near an exit should monitor exit for <u>any</u> infant/child departing. Include suspect items that a infant/child could be concealed in Ie: (duffle bag, box, suitcase etc). Report all concerns to Operator @ 4911. All available staff to report to <u>Switchboard</u>. Security will issue radios and instruction for staff to watch specific exits & will provide description of missing infant/child. Security will notify police & coordinate facility search using available personnel.
Attention **"Code Yellow"** Bomb Threat – All Personnel to Review Color Code Chart Instructions	**Explosive Device, or Bomb Threat:** Stop all non-essential work. Return to your work area. Search work areas for anything that has arrived within the past 2 to 3 hours that you can not identify who the item belongs to. Suspect items are described as anything <u>new in the area</u> from envelope size to tractor trailer size that you do not know who owns the item or item appears "out-of-place". Do not touch suspect item, Call 4911. Administration to research who in the community would want to cause disruption to the organization, Nursing Administration to determine what patient or family member would cause disruption, Human Resource to evaluate labor issues. Report concerns to 4911. Security/Response Team will conduct a search of all public areas Ie: (Bldg Perimeter, Parking lots, Lobbies, Waiting Rooms, Public Restrooms, Cafeteria).
Attention **"Code Gray"** Psychiatric Emergency (Announced location)	**Psychiatric Emergency:** Psychiatric Response Team responds to incident; All available Mental Health staff; Psychiatric provider, Mental Health Management, Social workers, Activities Therapist, Psychologist and Security. After Hours to include the Nursing Supervisor and Hospitalist.
Attention **"Code Silver"** Person with a weapon at: (Announced Location)	**Person with a Weapon or Hostage Situation:** (Code may be used in conjunction with code HICS or Green) Evacuate <u>immediate area</u> if safe to do so. Staff to close & lock adjacent area doors on same floor. Adjacent areas on same floor to shelter in place. Cease hallway traffic on same floor. Security, Mental Health Professional & Police to regain control of situation.
Attention **"Code Orange"** Hazardous Materials Incident (Announced Location)	**Hazmat Incident or Multi Patient Decontamination Needed.** (Code may be used in conjunction with code HICS or Green) Potentially dangerous chemical, biological, radioactive or nuclear spill or release within the community or within the building. If inside the building, staff to stay away from the location. If outside the building, (transportation or train derailment) staff to close all windows & doors. Engineering to shut off HVAC systems & seal intake vents if safe to do so. Do not go outside. If Multi-Patient Decontamination Incident. Emergency Coordinator, Nursing Supervisor or Security to establish code HICS as needed. All available manpower should respond to announced rally location to assist.
Attention **"Code Triage"** Mass Causality Incident (Announced Location)	**Mass Casualty Incident:** (Code may be used in conjunction with code HICS) E.D. to ramp up Triage & Registration process. Consider implementing code HICS dependant upon supply & staffing needs. Security to control traffic & E.D access
Attention **"Code Black"** Weather Warning	**High Wind or Tornado Warning:** Winds in excess of 75 mph expected on site within 10 minutes or less. Limit persons from exiting the facility, Stay away from large glass windows Ie: (cafeteria & lobbies) Close room blinds & curtains to minimize glass shrapnel. Close all doors until all clear is announced.
Attention **Security Needs Help** (Announced Location)	**Security Emergency,** **Available staff to respond and demonstrate an organized show of force, or assist as needed.**
Attention **"Code Clear"**	**Situation has been resolved.** Normal operations may resume.