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| **Hospital Alert Codes** | | | | |
| **Policy** | This policy provides guidance for responding to HOSPITAL ALERT CODES. | | | |
| **Purpose** | Brief descriptions are provided for Children’s Minnesota emergency alert codes and the related documents that may be necessary for specific response information. | | | |
| **Alert or Code** | **Dr. Blue** – Medical emergency, cardiac or respiratory arrest.   * A specialized team responds immediately to this overhead page. * Laboratory staff will respond **immediately** with a specimen collection cart and the point-of-care (POC) glucose meter. * Laboratory staff will obtain samples as needed and deliver to the laboratory for testing. * All unnecessary personnel are to remain clear of the announced area or room number.   See related documents for more specific response information:   * [SCM 19.0 Responding to Dr Blue](http://khan.childrensmn.org/Manuals/Lab/SOP/Gen/SpecCol/205662.pdf) * [360.00 Dr Blue Emergency](http://khan.childrensmn.org/manuals/policy/350/003094.pdf) | | | |
|  | **CODE Red** – Fire, flames and/or visible smoke, or alarm.   * To simplify the fire procedure, the words RACE and PASS have been adopted to indicate the plan of action as well as how to operate a fire extinguisher.     **R** – Rescue  **A** – Alert  **C** – Confine  **E** – Extinguish or Evacuate   * To use a fire extinguisher:   **P** – Pull extinguisher pin  **A** – Aim at base of fire  **S** – Squeeze extinguisher handles  **S** – Sweep side to side from front of fire to back of fire   * See related documents for more specific response information: * [SA 3.01 Code Red - Fire Safety Plan](http://khan.childrensmn.org/Manuals/Lab/SOP/Gen/Safety/SA/207204.pdf) * [908.00 Fire Safety Plan](http://khan.childrensmn.org/manuals/policy/900/005308.pdf) * [SA 8.01 Relocation and Evacuation](http://khan.childrensmn.org/Manuals/Lab/SOP/Gen/Safety/SA/204262.pdf) * [909.00 Shelter-in-Place, Relocation and Evacuation](http://khan.childrensmn.org/manuals/policy/900/005309.pdf) | | | |
|  | **CODE ORANGE** – Event has occurred where immediate response requiring hospital resources may be needed.   * If an emergency situation presents itself in the lab, notify appropriate department (e.g. Security, Facilities) for help then contact the laboratory manager or director. * See related documents for more specific response information: * [SA 5.01 Code Orange – Emergency Plan](http://khan.childrensmn.org/Manuals/Lab/SOP/Gen/Safety/SA/203595.pdf) * [948.01 Code Orange (Disaster)](http://khan.childrensmn.org/manuals/policy/900/013424.pdf) | | | |
|  | **CODE PINK** – Missing or eloped patient or person.   * An organized response will be initiated with a specific action plan for each department. * See related documents for more specific response information: * [SA 4.01 Code Pink – Abduction/Missing Patient or Person](http://khan.childrensmn.org/Manuals/Lab/SOP/Gen/Safety/SA/205279.pdf) * [911.00 Abduction/Missing Patient or Person (Code Pink)](http://khan.childrensmn.org/manuals/policy/900/005310.pdf) | | | |
|  | **CODE GREEN** – Restraint personnel requested.   * Immediate assistance is needed to protect the safety of patients, visitors, employees or hospital property. * Only hospital personnel who have received special training and instructions respond. * See related document for more specific response information: * [948.04 Code Green/RPR](http://khan.childrensmn.org/manuals/policy/900/005341.pdf) | | | |
|  | **CODE YELLOW** – Security emergency.   * Events may include bomb threat, suspicious mail or package, active shooter or civil disturbance. * See related document for more specific response information: * [948.03 Code Yellow (Security Emergency)](http://khan.childrensmn.org/manuals/policy/900/005340.pdf) | | | |
|  | **TRAUMA TEAM ACTIVATION** – Level I or Level II: Incoming trauma patient/s   * A specialized team responds immediately to this overhead page. * Laboratory staff will respond with a specimen collection tray, appropriate communication device, and trauma forms. * Laboratory staff will sign in at trauma location. * Laboratory staff will obtain samples as needed and deliver to the laboratory for testing. * See related document for more specific response information: * [2003.00 Trauma Team Roles and Responsibilities](http://khan.childrensmn.org/manuals/policy/2000/203697.pdf) | | | |
|  | **WEATHER** **ALERT** – Dangerous meteorological event or condition that has the potential to cause damage, disruption, or loss of life.   * Weather events may include thunderstorms, tornadoes, blizzards, snowstorms, ice storms or extreme temperatures. * See related document for more specific response information: * [948.02 Severe Weather](http://khan.childrensmn.org/manuals/policy/900/005338.pdf) | | | |
|  | **CODE 99** – United Hospital response for medical emergency, cardiac or respiratory arrest.   * St. Paul location only. * Adult medical emergencies inside Children’s and United hospitals. * Adult medical emergencies in Garden View: alert Security at 1-8899 of an adult, and they will summon Dr. Blue and the appropriate Code 99/EMS team given the location of the emergency. * See related documents for more specific response information: * [SCM 19.0 Responding to Dr Blue](http://khan.childrensmn.org/Manuals/Lab/SOP/Gen/SpecCol/205662.pdf) * [360.00 Dr Blue Emergency](http://khan.childrensmn.org/manuals/policy/350/003094.pdf) | | | |
| **Related Documents** | See related documents listed in the descriptions above. | | | |
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