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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)
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|  | **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)
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|  | **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)
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|  | **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)
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|  | **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)
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|  | **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)
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|  | **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)
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|  | **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)
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|  | **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)
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| **Related Documents** | See related documents listed in the descriptions above. |
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