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FACILITY Standard	Operating Procedure	
Title: Code Green – Evacuation Procedure	Policy Number: 06-07-V1	
Facility Name: Stanton Territorial Hospital		
Applicable Domain: Emergency Measures		
Additional Domain(s): NA		
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Issuing Authority: COO Stanton Territorial Hospital	Date Approved: 24/05/2019	
Accreditation Canada Applicable Standard	: 14.2, 14.3	
Accrediting Body and Standard: NA		

GUIDING PRINCIPLE:

The Northwest Territory Health Social Services Authority - Stanton Territorial Hospital (NTHSSA – Stanton) is dedicated to providing patients and staff with a physical environment that is safe from hazards.

PURPOSE/RATIONALE:

This plan provides a guide for the safe relocation of patients, staff and visitors within the hospital or for evacuation of the entire hospital which may be necessitated by:

- Building destruction by fire, explosion, snow, flood
- Disruption of essential services heat, water, power
- Danger caused by internal accidents dangerous goods spills, gas leaks, bomb threats, hostage taking

DEFINITIONS:

AED - Automatic External Defibrillator

ASSEMBLY POINT – An exterior location for staff and visitors to assemble after building evacuation. One is in the ED parking lot. The other is in the main parking lot across Byrne Road. Assembly points will be areas identified by Security and may change dependent on the location of the fire.

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EMS – Emergency Medical Services

EVACUATION - The relocation of patients, staff and visitors either horizontally or vertically from a dangerous or potentially dangerous area to an area of safety.

FIRE COMPARTMENT - A unit or area which is protected by a fire door and a 1hour fire separation.

INCIDENT - An event such as a fire, hazardous spill, bomb threat, hostage taking, shooter, flood or similar occurrence which places the immediate safety of patients, staff and visitors in danger.

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INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (IMT)- The IMT is responsible for managing an incident once it has been confirmed or other conditions trigger the need for an evacuation or command center (Code orange).

MUSTER STATION - An area where each department or unit can gather in an emergency. Muster stations are located inside of the building.

ZONE – An area of a building designated as part of a fire alarm system or sprinkler system.

EVACUATION

The activation of a Code Green Procedure is explained in detail in the following section. It includes the procedure, evacuation locations and individuals' roles and responsibilities. Each Department will have unique considerations that are identified in the Departmental Considerations Matrix.

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SCOPE/APPLICABILITY:

All staff working at NTHSSA - Stanton.

PROCEDURE:

ACTIVATION OF CODE GREEN

When smoke, fire or internal or external disaster occurs in the hospital it may be necessary to evacuate a room, compartment or floor. Evacuation of the hospital would be the last resort.

The extent of the emergency will dictate the need for initiating the evacuation phases. It is recognized that circumstances may require individual emergency decisions, and that staff should be familiar with the various lifts and carries available for the removal of ambulatory and non-ambulatory patients.

The evacuation plan is intended to provide a guideline and, when possible, follow the phases as outlined below.

In all patient care areas:

- Prepare for evacuation of the hospital
- Remove patients and visitors to designated area
- Account for and ensure the safety of patients, staff and visitors using departmental procedures

PHASE 1: EVACUATE A ROOM

Discovery of a small or localized danger within a room requires the removal of patients, staff and visitors who are in immediate danger. The closest secure door to this area should be closed. If this occurs on a patient unit, all patient room doors will be closed during this phase.

Staff in this area should report to their muster station. If it is unsafe to report to the assigned muster station, staff should report to the first Stage 2 location. These are identified in the Department Consideration section.

The person in charge, such as the Patient Care Coordinator (PCC), or designate will provide direction to the staff and assist with movement of patients are required.

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PHASE 2: EVACUATE A FIRE COMPARTMENT

If the hazard has not been contained in Phase I, Phase 2 of evacuation will be ordered by the Incident Commander (COO, or PCC or designate) in conjunction with Dexterra General Manager/Chief Fire Warden or designate. Dexterra will provide security services to secure the Fire Compartment.

A Phase 2 evacuation will **initiate the implementation of the IMT and the** establishment of the ICC.

For all patient care units:

- Patient rooms will be evacuated in order of priority determined by their location relative to the hazardous situation.
- A designated runner will alert adjacent compartment(s) (horizontally and vertically) to prepare for patient reception and/or possible evacuation of their compartment.
- All charts will accompany the patients.
- Staff will move patients in the following order: ambulatory patients, wheelchair patients, bedridden patients are to be moved last.
- At least one staff member will remain with the relocated patients.

PHASE 3: EVACUATE A FLOOR

If the hazard has not been contained in Phase 2, Phase 3 of evacuation will be ordered by any two of the following officers:

- The City of Yellowknife Fire Department
- Chief Fire Warden (CFW) (Dexterra Facility Manager) or designate
- Incident Commander (Chief Operating Officer, or designate, Patient Care Coordinator (PCC) or designate)

Once activation of Phase 3 is confirmed:

The Dexterra Facility Manager will announce the Code Green using the overhead paging system: Speaking clearly, they will announce: "Code Green Phase 3 - ___ (location)" three times.

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 Following the direction of the Incident Commander or designate, all nearest to the danger area will evacuate the areas first using the nearest egress points – stairwells or elevators.

- The Unit Managers / Fire Wardens (or designates) will ensure their areas are
 evacuated and account for all patients (and their medical record) and
 visitors. They or their designate will close all doors and report to the external
 muster points. Additional roles and responsibilities, and unique departmental
 considerations are described in detail in the Departmental Considerations
 Matrix in the next section.
 - o All units will prepare for Phase 4 or evacuation of the entire building.

PHASE 4: EVACUATE ENTIRE BUILDING

Evacuation of the building is a very drastic step involving considerable risk to patients, staff and visitors, so careful consideration must be given prior to activating Phase 4.

If the hazard has not been contained in Phase 3 or there are additional risks identified, Phase 4 of evacuation will be ordered by any two of the following officers:

- The City of Yellowknife Fire Department
- Chief Fire Warden (CFW) (Dexterra Facility Manager) or designate
- Incident Commander (Chief Operating Officer, or designate, Patient Care Coordinator (PCC) or designate)

The officers may also initiate the City of Yellowknife Emergency Operations Plan.

Once activation of Phase 4 is confirmed:

- The CFW will announce the Code Green using the overhead paging system:
 Speaking clearly, they will announce: "Code Green Phase 4 evacuate all areas" three times.
- The Unit Managers / Fire Wardens (or designates) will ensure their areas are
 evacuated and account for all patients (and their medical record) and
 visitors. They or their designate will close all doors and report to the external
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EVACUATION PROCESS

 All occupants of the hospital will evacuate all floors above affected floor beginning with the floor nearest to the danger.

- All floors below the affected floor will evacuate.
- STH staff will ensure patient records accompany patients to the Holding Areas/ External Assembly points
- DFW will position Security and Fire Wardens or designates at exit doors to maintain proper evacuation flow of occupants.
- PCC and DFW will designate staff to be allocated to the Holding Area/Assembly Point Stations.
- The offsite holding area will be Ecole St. Joseph's School on Range Lake Road. A triage and Control Centre will be established on the identified site.
- Staff that are transported with patients to alternate sites will remain with the patients until notified by the PCC.
- CFW and DFW and designates Security and Fire Warden will restrict access to the building to authorized personnel and emergency services. They will account for all staff and occupants and report this information to the Incident Commander and CFW.
- Security services will provide to the CFW and Incident Commander, a list of individuals who have card access to the building and who are currently listed as being in the building through the card access system.
- Essential equipment required for continued patient care will be further assessed at the time of evacuation.
- Administrative responsibilities will be managed by the Incident Commander with the assistance of the Incident Management Team.
- The number of staff called back is at the discretion of the PCC or designate and will depend upon the phase of the evacuation anticipated.
- EMS entrance to the Emergency Room must be kept free of parked cars.
- Staff members who are returning to the hospital in response to a disaster are asked to park in the hospital parking lot.
- Police may erect roadblocks around the hospital in the event of a major threat to the hospital and all staff will have to present a hospital I.D. card in order to get past the roadblocks.

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• All staff should report to their home departments if possible. They may be required to provide essential service within their department or they may be tasked to a different area by their dept. Manager.

DEPARTMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS MATRIX

All areas and individuals must follow the general evacuation procedures as outlined above. The following special duties are in addition to the general procedures:

Department	Consideration	Action Plan
Ambulatory Care Clinic	Safety	Ill or injured patients to be
		escorted to ED
Dialysis	Patient	 Transport equipment if needed
	Movement	(IV pumps, etc.)
	Safety	 Dialysis machines moved with
		critical patients
Emergency Department	Safety	 Confirm requirements for gas
	Patient	shut off
	Transport	 Use planned evacuation route to avoid EMS traffic
		 Evacuate with additional
		portable gases
		 Staffing will accompany ill,
		injured, or behavioral health
		patients
		 Confirm need to close Isolation
		Rooms
Facility Services (Stanton)	Evacuate	 Check morgue for visitors
	Basement /	Check staff locker rooms for
	Assist in	staff members
	building shut	Assist Dexterra with shut down
	down / Traffic Control	of gases as directed.
	Control	Assist with the provision of
		portable gases
		Traffic barriers placed as
ICII	Cafat	required
ICU	Safety Patient	 Confirm requirements for gas shut off
	Transport	
	Παποροιτ	Transport patients with appropriate equipment (vents)
		appropriate equipment (vents, monitors, stretchers)
		Evacuate most ill and injured
		patients to ED
		patients to ED

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Department	Consideration	Action Plan
		 Evacuate with additional portable gases Move critical carts / AED / defibrillators with patients Staff will accompany injured or vented patient Confirm need to close Isolation Rooms
Kitchen	Safety	 Confirm need to turn off Fryers / Ovens / Heat Sources
Lab	Security	 Consider blood bank requirements & documents if required to move from department Confirm need to turn off gases and equipment
Materials Management	Safety	Secure warehouse prior to departure
MDR	Safety	 Confirm need to turn off gases and equipment
Medical Day Care	Patient Movement	 Confirm location of transport equipment if needed (IV pumps)
Operating and Post Anesthetic Recovery Rooms	Safety Patient Transport	 Confirm requirements for gas shut off Transport equipment (vents, monitors, stretchers) as required Follow planned evacuation route with intubated patients to L&D Suites Evacuate with available portable gases Move critical carts / AED / defibrillators with patients Staff will accompany vented patient
Pharmacy	Security	 Secure Pharmacy and Narcotics Take required records Confirm need to close fume hoods

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Department	Consideration	Action Plan
Security (Dexterra)	Safety and Security of Evacuation Routes	 Ensure evacuation points are clear of debris, snow or objects Consider placement of traffic barriers

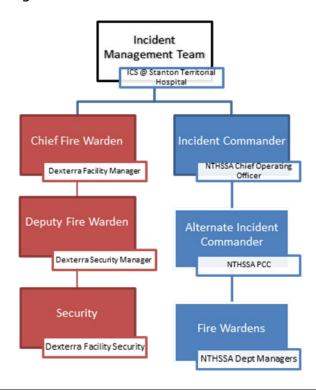
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INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY MATRIX

Role	Position	Responsibilities	Organization
Command Staff	– Lists All Roles and Respo	nsibilities for Overall Incide	nt Command
Incident	M-F: 0800-1600	Manages Situation	Stanton all
Commander	COO or Alternate		codes (until
		Final decision maker	YKFD Fire
	1600-0800, Statutory		Chief takes
	Holidays, Weekends	Responsible for all	over during
	PCC, on-call manager or	staff/resources assigned	Code Red)
	COO if called in/on site	to the incident	
Liaison Officer	MF: 0800-1600	Primary contact for	Stanton
	PCC	external organizations	
	1600-0800, Statutory	(police, etc.)	
	Holidays, Weekends		
	Alternate Incident		
	Commander		
	or Designate		
Public	MF: 0800-1600	Responsible for all	Stanton
Information	COO, until delegated to	internal and external	
Officer	NTHSSA/DHSS	(media) communications	
	Communications or		
	PCC		
	1600-0800, Statutory		
	Holidays, Weekends		
	PCC or Designate until		
	delegated to		
	NTHSSA/DHSS		
	Communications		
Safety Officer	1600-0800, Statutory	Monitors safety	Dexterra
	Holidays, Weekends	conditions	
	Chief Fire Warden or	Develops measures to	
	Deputy Fire Warden /	assure safety for staff	
	On Duty Engineer	responding to the	
		incident	

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		Shut offs e.g. Medical	
		Gas	
Operations	MF: 0800-1600	Directs actions required	Stanton
	Senior Nursing	to meet incident	Clinical
	Manager	objectives (e.g. free up	Services
		space in hospital, recall	Diagnostics
	1600-0800, Statutory	employees from home)	Pharmacy
	Holidays, Weekends		Clinical
	PCC		Testing
Planning	MF: 0800-1600	Provides information for	Stanton/
	COO Executive	decision making	Dexterra
	Assistant	Keeps track of resources	
		and manages	
	1600-0800, Statutory	documentation including	
	Holidays, Weekends	record of decisions	
	PCC or Designate		
Logistics	MF: 0800-1600	Provides support,	Dexterra
	A Leads designated	resources to operations.	Waste
	from Dexterra –		Management
	Housekeeping		Housekeeping
	Stanton – Materials		Laundry/Linen
	Management		Dietary
			Facilities
	1600-0800, Statutory		Management
	Holidays, Weekends		
	Alternate Designates to		Stanton
	be identified		Material
			Management
			IT
			Facilities
			Services
Finance	Hospital Comptroller	Calculates the costs of	Stanton
		managing the incident	
		for purposes of audit	
		and fiscal responsibility	

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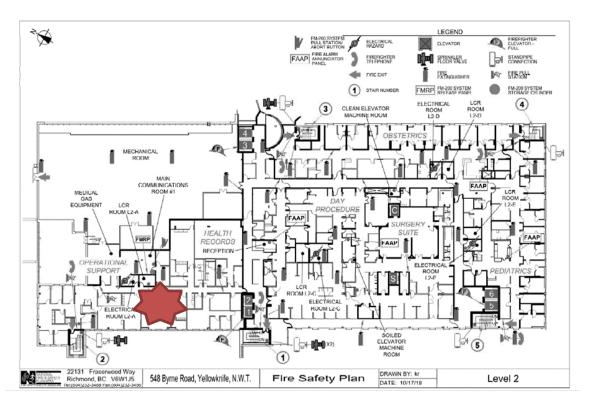
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INCIDENT COMMAND CENTER (ICC)

The IMT will convene at the ICC when ordered by the Incident Commander;

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- b) Should the primary location become untenable, the secondary location is at Center Ice Plaza on Level 2, in the Large Boardroom.

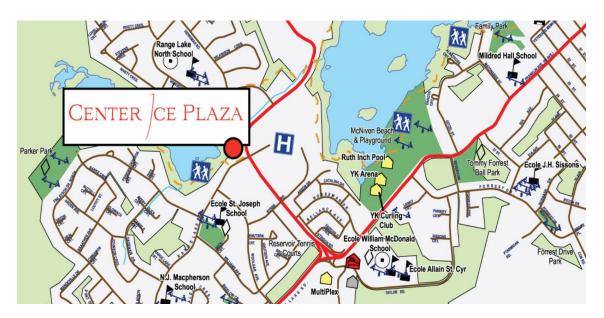
PRIMARY EOC - 2nd Floor Conference Room (2800) or Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Administration



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SECONDARY, OFF-SITE EOC – Center Ice Plaza, 2nd level, in the Large Boardroom.



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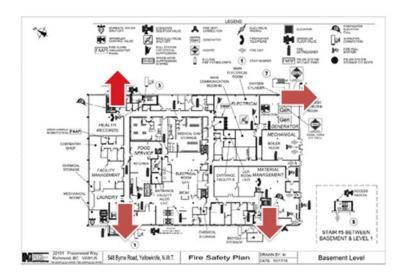
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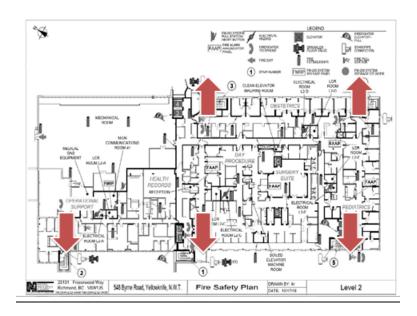
Level	Department	Primary Muster Point	Evacuation Route	
	Health Records Storage	Health Records work area	To Level 1 Via Stairs #3 to Cafeteria	To Emergency Parking Lot
0	FM - Dexterra Office	FM Dexterra Office	To Level 1 Via Stairs #3 to Cafeteria	#5 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Laundry	FM Dexterra Office	To Level 1 Via Stairs #3 to Cafeteria	#5 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Kitchen	FM Dexterra Office	To Level 1 Via Stairs #3 to Cafeteria	#5 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Facility Services	Level 0 Staff Room	To Level 1 Via Stairs #3 to Cafeteria	#5 To Emergency Parking Lot
	MDR	Level 0 Staff Room	To Level 1 Via Stairs #3 to Cafeteria	#5 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Biomedical Engineering	Level 0 Staff Room	To Level 1 Via Stairs #3 to Cafeteria	
	Materials Management	Level 0 Staff Room	To Level 1 Via Stairs #3 to Cafeteria	#5 To Emergency Parking Lot
1	Intensive Care Unit	Work Area	Amblance Bay	Emergency Parking Lot
	Emergency	Work Area	Ambulance Bay	Emergency Parking Lot
	Laboratory	Main Lab work area	Diagnostics to Ambulance Bay	Emergency Parking Lot
	Diagnostic Imagining	Work Area	Sacred Space	#3 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Outpatient Lab	Main Lab work area	Sacred Space	#3 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Cafeteria	Dining Hall	Sacred Space	#3 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Indigenous Wellness Program	Reception Lounge	Sacred Space	#3 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Reception	Reception Lounge	Sacred Space	#3 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Ambulatory Care (ACC)	Work Area	Ambulatoy Care Waiting Room 1	#5 To Staff Parking Lot
	Medical Day Care	Work Area	Ambulatoy Care Waiting Room 2	#5 To Staff Parking Lot
	Dialysis	Work Area	Ambulatoy Care Waiting Room 3	#5 To Staff Parking Lot
	Pharmacy	Work Area	Ambulatoy Care Waiting Room 3	# 5 To Staff Parking Lot
2	Administration	Administration Desk	Main Level Ambulance Bay	#2 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Computer Services	Administration Desk	Main Level Ambulance Bay	#2 To Emergency Parking Lot
	CHIRP Coordinator	Administration Desk	Main Level Ambulance Bay	# 2 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Health Records	Administration Desk	Main Level Ambulance Bay	#2 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Staff Development	Administration Desk	Main Level Ambulance Bay	# 2 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Stanton Foundation	Administration Desk	Main Level Ambulance Bay	#2 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Transitional Care Planning	Administration Desk	Main Level Ambulance Bay	# 2 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Obstetrics	Work Area	To Level 1 Via Stairs #4 to Cafeteria	
	OR/PARR	Work Area	Amblance Bay	Emergency Parking Lot
	Day Procedures	Work Area	To Level 1 Via Stairs #1 to Cafeteria	#5 To Staff Parking Lot
	Peds	Work Area	To Level 1 Via Stairs #1 to Cafeteria	# 5 To Staff Parking Lot
3	Inpatient Rehabilitation	Clinical Touch Down Station	To Level 1 Via Stairs #1 to Cafeteria	Stairs # 1 To Emergency Parking Lot
	Psychiatry	Work Station	To Level 1 Via Stairs #1 to Cafeteria	Stairs # 1 To Emergency Parking Lot
4	Medicine North	Work Area	Secondary Work Station	Stairs # 3 to Emergency Parking Lot
	Medicine South	Work Area	Secondary Work Station	Stairs # 3 to Emergency Parking Lot
5	Surgery	Work Area	Secondary Work Station	Stairs # 3 to Emergency Parking Lot
	ECU	Work Area	Secondary Work Station	Stairs # 3 to Emergency Parking Lot

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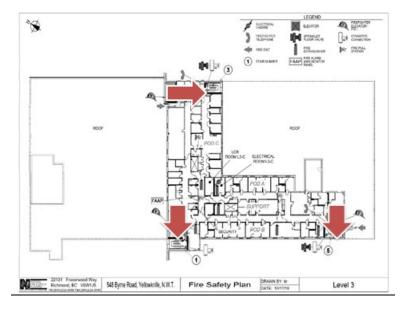


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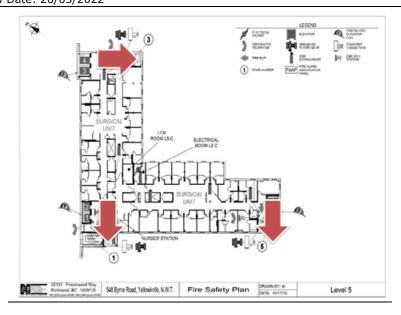


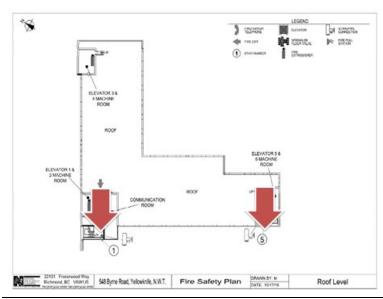


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COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

If the hospital's internal telephone system fails during the incident, refer to the "Facility Services Internal Telephone System Failure" procedure.

Communication during an incident will be via two-way radio or satellite phone.

TWO-WAY RADIO

Six two-way radios will be distributed by Stanton Facility Services (or designate) to: Incident Command Centre (2) one stationary and one portable for COO or Alternate Emergency Department Services Leader (1)

Patient Care Coordinator (1)

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Stanton Facility Services (1) Med-Response - (1)

Dexterra Radios are set as follows: Security - Channel 1 Maintenance - Channel 3

Satellite Phones

Four satellite phones will be distributed by Stanton Facility Services (or designate) to:

Incident Command Center (ICC) - (1) Emergency Department - (1) Patient Care Coordinator - (1) Med-Response - (1) (Bio-Med's Handheld)

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Internal Traffic Flow and Control

- **Staff must always carry ID cards** since the hospital will be in lockdown and each unit door will be locked.
- Internal traffic control will be controlled / maintained by Dexterra security. All entrances will be monitored by Security cameras.
- Unit Managers / Fire Wardens (or designates) will assist with patient movement and instruction, as directed by the Incident Commander, CFW or Fire Chief.

External Traffic Flow and Control

- The Main Entrance will be occupied by YK Fire Department
- Staff reporting for duty shall strictly park in the main/front parking lot. The Emergency parking lot will be used for evacuation staging.
- Staff shall report to duty strictly using the Staff Entrance on level 0 and level 0.5. If those entrances are unusable due to the reason for evacuation, staff will be instructed on how to enter the building when they are called in.
- All staff vehicles shall be cleared from the Emergency Parking Lot immediately. Patient's family/escorts will be asked to move vehicles.
- Non-ambulatory patients shall be evacuated via ambulance from the ambulance bay.

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Traffic controls will be established at both access roads to the hospital to control traffic flow onto the hospital grounds. If needed, additional traffic control will be set up at the ambulance bay entrance by Stanton Facility Services who will act as traffic control officers to facilitate the flow of emergency vehicles.

Only authorized personnel will be permitted entrance to the hospital grounds.
 All staff must be prepared to show their hospital ID to the traffic control officers to gain access onto the hospital grounds.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES:
NA
CROSS-REFERENCES:
NA
ATTACHMENTS:
NA
REFERENCES:
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