

EMERGENCY COLOUR CODES

CODE RED	Fire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During fire/smoke situations: follow directions of fire warden and the posted fire procedures
CODE BLUE	Cardio/Respiratory Arrest, choking, or other Life Threatening Emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May also be used to indicate a medical emergency in some facilities. • Perform CPR / provide first aid or medical treatment.
CODE ORANGE	External Disaster / Reception of Mass Casualties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for surge; increase bed capacity, consider early discharge. • Implement Mass Casualty Protocol.
CODE GREEN	Evacuation (May include “stat” or “precautionary”) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuate ambulatory patients and visitors to a safe area.
CODE YELLOW	Missing Client <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search your area (clinical, common and public areas).
CODE BLACK	Bomb Threat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search your area. • Notify Security or the person in charge if a suspicious package is found. • Do not touch or move a suspicious package. • Don't use radios or cell phones in the area of the suspicious package.
CODE WHITE	Violent Person(s) / Situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifies staff of incident location. Respond per protocols.
CODE PINK	Pediatric Medical Emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide appropriate first aid / medical treatment.
CODE BROWN	Hazardous Substance Spill / Release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifies staff of incident location. Respond per protocols.
CODE GREY	External Air Exclusion / Shelter in Place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May also be used to indicate a dangerous situation outside the facility. • Close all external doors and windows. • Stay indoors.
CODE SILVER	Person with a weapon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. • Know evacuation routes. • Hide if unable to evacuate. • As a last resort, take action against assailant.