

Fairview System Emergency Code Definition and Response Guide

Hospital sites call **888**; Range call **299**; Maple Grove call **8-1911** or **8-1811**; Clinics/Non-hospital call **911**

Code/Announcement	Meaning	Staff Primary Action	Staff Secondary Action
Code Red	Fire, smoke, or smoke smell.	RACE : R escue, A lert, C onfine, E xtinguish or E vacuate.	PASS : P ull, A im, S queeze, S weep w/fire extinguisher.
Code Blue (Adult, Pediatric, Newborn)	Cardiac or pulmonary arrest for adult, pediatric or newborn.	Begin CPR, ensure CAB : C irculation, A irway, B reathing	Request Code Blue. Dial your entity specific emergency number.
Code Orange	Major emergency or disaster may be internal or external.	Activate hospital's emergency operations plan and Hospital Incident Command System (HICS).	Initiate department emergency response plan. Establish the Hospital Command Center (HCC).
Code Pink	Potential or actual infant or child abduction.	Notify Security. Alert staff. Secure area. Monitor exits.	Search area, stairwells, restrooms, lounges, corridors.
Missing Adult	Missing vulnerable adult	Notify Security. Alert Staff. Monitor Exits.	Search area, stairwells, restrooms, lounges, corridors.
Code Green	Escalating patient/ behavioral situation.	Notify Security. Charge RN use unit staff to de-escalate patient.	Protect others. Assist Charge RN, Nursing Admin Rep & Security.
Code 21	Violent patient.	Dial emergency number. Use unit staff to confine, de-escalate patient.	Protect others. Assist Chg RN and Security
Code Yellow	Violent non-patient behavior including an armed individual.	Notify 911 and Security as soon as you are able. Run and find the closest safe area. RUN-HIDE-FIGHT	Stay away from the area. Keep others safe, close and lock doors, turn out lights, remain silent. Prepare to fight.
Code Search	Bomb threat.	Dial 911 and notify Security. Search area for suspicious or unusual device/object.	Alert immediate area. Do not touch device. Do not use cell phones or pagers.
Code Stroke	Patient exhibiting signs of a potential stroke	See entity-specific policy.	
Security Alert	Patient who is danger to self or barricaded.	Charge RN, staff/ patients stay in safe area, away from alert area, if possible.	Direct others away from alert area.
Rapid Response Team	Deteriorating patient needing assistance.	Request Rapid Response Team and follow entity protocol.	
Severe Weather - Tornado WATCH	A Tornado Watch has been issued by the National Weather Service indicating conditions are favorable for severe weather in the area.	Return to work area. Advise others to return to rooms/areas. Listen for further weather advisory.	Place loose items in drawers or cabinets. Place shoes/socks and blankets/pillows near patient. Be prepared to take action for a potential tornado warning announcement.
Severe Weather - Tornado WARNING	A Tornado Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service indicating severe weather is imminent.	Move patients/visitors to interior hallway/safe area. Close doors, windows and shades.	Cover non-ambulatory patients with blankets/pillows for protection if unable to move them away from windows. Stay in safe area until "All Clear".
Lockdown	Facility internal/external doors are locked.	Stay inside of work area. Advise others of situation.	Stand by for further instructions. Report any suspicious activity.
Shelter in Place	Dangerous conditions exist Inside or outside facility.	Stay indoors; stay in work area. Do not go outside building.	Advise others. Stand by for further instructions. Move away from windows and areas near danger.
Code Evacuation	Partial or total evacuation of an area.	Evacuate anyone in immediate danger to the nearest safe area. Listen for further instructions.	Prepare patients for evacuation. Transfer ambulatory patient first, then wheelchair, followed by bedridden.
Utility Failure (power, elevators, water, communications, etc.)	Loss of critical utility service.	See entity-specific utility failure response guide.	

NOTE: This is a system code grid.

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• Some entities may not use all codes on the list. Each entity will determine which are applicable to their organization.