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## Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to identify procedures that will be used for all Code Blues that happened during the COVID-19 pandemic. This procedure is called Protected Code Blue.

## Applicability or Scope

This policy applies to all employees and Professional Staff who work at Bluewater Health at the Sarnia site.

## Responsibilities/Accountabilities

### Physician

- Assumes the role of code leader upon arrival. Ensures the intubation plan, roles and responsibilities are communicated to the code team responders

### RNs from Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

- Responsible for bringing the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kit, the intubation kit and the glidescope to all codes blues in the hospital except for those called in the ICU or Emergency Department
- Responsible for bringing the crash cart to all code blues called on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors of the London and Norman Buildings

### RNs from Emergency Department (ED)

- Responsible for bringing the RSI kit and the PPE kit to all code blues in the hospital expect for those called in the ICU or ED

### Respiratory Therapist (RRT)

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- Responsible for airway management in collaboration with the physician

**Floor RNs/RPNs**

- Responsible for calling code blue if unresponsive patient discovered
- Responsible for performing chest compressions only ensuring appropriate PPE is donned until code team arrives
- Responsible for assisting with the retrieval of medications, equipment or supplies that the code team requests.
- Responsible for notifying the Most Responsible Physician (MRP) of the code blue. The MRP is expected to respond to the hospital.
- If the MRP does not call back within 15 minutes, contact the Medical Director.

**Crash Cart Responders- London and Norman Buildings**

Level	Crash Cart Locations	This cart responds to:
1	Emergency Department	All codes on level 1
2	Med C (in hallway outside)	All codes on level 2
3	Surgical inpatient	Surgical inpatient
	OR	OR
	PACU	PACU and Day Surgery
	MIC	MIC
4	ICU	All codes on levels 4 and 5

**Crash Cart Responders- Russell Building**

Level	Crash Cart Locations	This cart responds to:
3	Inpatient Psychiatry	All codes in the Russell Building

**Procedure**

- Follow [Protected Code Blue/Emergency Medical Intervention \(COVID-19\) Algorithm](#)

**Contact information**

For clarification of this policy please contact Professional Practice Supervisor.

**Evaluation**

This policy will remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Authority**

This policy was authored in consultation with the following stakeholders:

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- ED physicians
- Professional Practice Supervisors
- Medical Advisory Committee

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