



Code White during COVID-19 Eastern Zone- CBRH, SMRH, NSGH, NWCH, GBH

The following guidance is provided as a supplement to your current procedures when responding to Code White situations that occur in a COVID-19 patient care area, or involving an individual known or suspected to be COVID-19 positive

Announcing a Code White – Violent Person(s)/Situation for an individual known or suspected to be COVID-19 positive

It is recommended that “**CODE WHITE 66**” be announced for individual known or suspected to be COVID-19 positive, as per each facility’s procedure for Code White situations.

CBRH Activation: Dial 2000 advise operator **code white 66** and give location

Note: on levels 1 and 2, code white can also be automatically activated via personal man down alarms. In these situations, “CODE WHITE” will be announced regardless of COVID situation. Department staff will advise responders on arrival of COVID status/PPE requirements.

SMRH Activation: dial 333 and announce **code white 66** followed by care area

Glance Bay Activation: follow facility’s present procedure for Code White situations and announce code 66 followed by care area

North Sydney Activation: follow facility’s present procedure for Code White situations and announce **code white 66** followed by care area

New Waterford Activation: follow facility’s procedure for Code White situations and advise responders of COVID status/PPE requirements upon arrival

Response to Code White 66 Situations

Responders will don appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for contact (CP) and droplet (DP) precautions in advance of engaging the individual, when responding to Code White 66 situations.

Each unit will have complete sets of PPE for DP/CP visible and easily accessed for staff responding to the event

PPE assists, where available, to meet the responders at the entrance to their respective units and support responders in donning PPE

Recommended PPE includes:

- Face-shields
- Regular Surgical Mask
- Gown
- Gloves

Although the presence of additional Code White responders is often necessary to stabilize a Code White situation, minimize the number of responders within two meters of the code subject to:

- Only responders wearing appropriate PPE, and
- The minimum number required for successful de-escalation.

Following Code White 66 Situations

- Notify switchboard to announce code white 66 all clear
- PPE is to be removed and disposed, with assistance of PPE assists when available, and hand hygiene performed as per IPAC guidelines.
- If additional contamination is noted, shower and change into scrubs
- “Report any potential exposures” to Manager and Occupational Health @ staff assessment line 1 833 750 0632
- Contact environmental services for cleaning of room following use.
- Conduct informal debrief to assess the condition of all responders
- Proper care of restraint devices if utilized

Note: Responders are to remain vigilant during all code responses for possible hazards, including those related to COVID-19

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