

COVID-19: Adult Code Blue Events Policy

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What's New?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjustment to CODE BLUE protocols to include COVID risk assessment, PPE for first responders and full airborne PPE precautions before initializing aerosolizing procedures • All patients to have clear designation of the required level of PPE based on risk assessment and testing status for COVID-19 in their chart
Why?	Resuscitation of patients with COVID-19 presents a high risk of virus transmission to healthcare workers. Updating existing procedures is essential to protect health care workers from aerosolized transmission. It is recognized that intubation, bag mask ventilation and chest compressions are aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMP) and require airborne personal protective equipment (PPE).
How does this affect my practice?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If CPR appropriate, EARLY consult and escalation of care for COVID-19 positive or presumed positive and clinical deterioration. However, most adult code blue victims at BCW are sudden/ unexpected. • Modifications for first responders: Quickly perform a risk assessment in relation to COVID-19.
How do I find out more?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read document for further information. COVID-19: Adult Code Blue Events • Discuss with your team during huddles. • Simulation education sessions available to support training
Who do I contact for further information?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speak with your clinical leaders, educators, program managers and supervisors 2. For simulation, contact cwsimulation@phsa.ca