

EMERGENCY CODES

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Franciscan Saint Margaret Health and Franciscan Health Munster

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

NORTH CAMPUS - 33333

SOUTH CAMPUS – 44444

MUNSTER - 3333

CODE BLUE (Cardiac Arrest): A cardiac or respiratory arrest has occurred somewhere in the hospital. The location is announced with the code. ONLY personnel assigned to meet this emergency should respond.

CODE RED (Fire Code): In the event of a fire, this announcement will be made over the public address system giving the location of the fire.

Weather Watch: National Weather Service has issued a watch for thunderstorm, tornado, or winter storm. Take these precautions: Close all windows and doors. Close shades, curtains, and Venetian blinds. Supervisors or charge nurses are to preplan assignments if Weather Watch is announced.

Weather Warning: National Weather Service has issued a warning for thunderstorm, tornado, or winter storm. Employees report to assigned work areas immediately. All ambulatory patients are directed to hallway corridors. All bedridden patients remain in room with windows, drapes, and shades closed. Employees not having specific Weather Warning assignments should secure their department area and proceed to the basement, inner offices or hallways.

External Emergency Watch (Disaster): HEICS notification and departments on standby due to potential threat.
EXTERNAL EMERGENCY WARNING: Staff should follow instructions contained in emergency operations plan.

Unsafe Conditions: **CODE SILVER** (Lockdown) An unsafe situation requiring reduction of traffic and exposure of noninvolved persons in the facility.

Missing Person: To provide for an immediate response in the event of a missing patient, the operator will sound the alert. (Attention Please – Missing Person described as (gender, age,color/type of clothing, etc.), please contact security or a staff member if you witness someone fitting this description.

Unsafe Condition: **CODE ALERT** (Bomb threat)A bomb threat has been received. Administrative Policy 950-370. Review area for suspicious packages. Call Security Base to report (32057) or (42057).

CODE AMBER ALERT (Infant and Pediatric Abduction): To provide for an immediate response in the event of an infant or pediatric abduction, the operator will sound the alert (CODE AMBER ALERT) and include the age of the abducted or missing infant or pediatric patient.

Unsafe Condition: CODE PURPLE (South Campus Only): Assistance is required in dealing with a combative patient. Only personnel assigned to meet this emergency will respond.

Unsafe Condition: **Code Orange** Biological/Chemical/Radiological

CODE ETO (Ethylene Oxide Leak):Accidental release of Ethylene Oxide has occurred. Maintenance, Security and personnel assigned to this emergency will respond to handle the leak.

CODE Trauma Alert I: Personnel assigned to Code trauma team respond to the emergency room to assist.

CODE 77 (SUSPECTED PT WITH STROKE): Patient with stroke symptoms. The operator will page the location of the area requesting assistance. Only personnel assigned to meet this emergency will respond.

CODE ALL CLEAR plus Code Color/Number: The operator will announce over the paging system "Code ____All Clear". This "all clear" signal represents the conclusion of any of the above emergencies. Return to normal duties.

CODE STEMI Patient is having a heart attack. Personnel assigned to Code Stemi team respond.

CODE RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (RRT) Nursing consult to RRT to help evaluate and treat a patient who's condition has changed. Only personnel assigned to the RRT respond.

CODE High Census Alert Notification that inpatient beds are minimal. All service areas are to maximize efforts to expedite patient's admissions and discharges.

CODE FREEZE: (Cardiac arrest with ROSC) therapeutic hypothermia.

CODE HELP: A concerned patient, family member or visitor may call a Code Help to obtain emergency care if he or she suspects the patient's condition is worsening.