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To	To all Medical, Allied Health Staff and Northern Health Clinical Leadership
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Re:	Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) – Updated NH Code Blue Algorithm and Activation Guideline to include Pregnant Patient in Effect for all NH Sites

As part of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak response, the updated NH Code Blue Algorithm and Activation Guideline now includes the Pregnant Patient and should be implemented for all Code Blue regardless of COVID-19 status. The updated Code Blue includes the use of personal protected equipment (PPE) equipment for all Code Blue. There has been clarification to the roles of the Health Care Provider (HCP) in a Code Blue activation. This also means that all admitted patients should have a completed MOST form on their chart and a clear designations of COVID-19 status made clear on their chart.

RATIONALE:

- The BC Critical Care Working Group and BC Perinatal Services continue to work with Health Authority Leads to develop clinical guidance for COVID-19 patients in our province.
- The BC COVID-19 Guideline now recommends Code Blue protection to align with intubation algorithms.
- The NH Critical Care Program have partnered with the NH Perinatal Program to develop the new Code Blue Algorithm and Activation Guideline to include the Pregnant Patient for use in our region.
- The new NH Code Blue Algorithm and Activation Guideline will support clinical decision making throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and are based on the newest provincial Critical Care and Perinatal Guidelines.

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