

NH Regional Code Blue Algorithm And Guiding Principles for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Updated May 13, 2020

GOAL: to provide guidance to physicians and staff on the management of a Code Blue situation and intubation if necessary of suspected or confirmed COVID-19

*** Guiding Principle:**

- * ALL admitted patients should have a completed MOST form on their chart
- * ALL admitted patients should have a clear designation of COVID-19 status on their chart (COVID-19 'Positive', 'Suspected', 'Not Suspected', 'Negative')
- If CPR appropriate, **EARLY recognition of clinical deterioration for suspected or positive COVID-19 to allow for controlled response and possible intubation**
- **Airborne PPE** must be worn for all Code Blue responses- **intubation, bag mask ventilation and chest compressions** are aerosol generating
- ACLS with outlined modifications below
- **If Intubation needed – follow NH Intubation Algorithm**
- If cardiac arrest **during intubation** secure airway prior to starting CPR; otherwise chest compressions and rapid identification of VT/VF take precedence

NH CODE BLUE ACTIVATION

