



# UPDATE:



## Code Orange (EMER-01)

**Code Orange:** An internal response to a potential or actual disaster (e.g. multi-vehicle crash, train derailment, etc.) that exceeds the Hospital's capacity to provide care and services under normal operations.

- **Code Orange Stage 1 –**  
For a Stage 1 response, the number of incoming casualties can be handled in the Emergency Department (ED) with support from designated departments.
- **Code Orange Stage 2 –** Activated when an incident overwhelms existing patient care resources and the number and/or severity of casualties cannot be handled in the ED.
- **NEW Code Orange PAUSE –** Activated when the ED has received sufficient nursing support (e.g. patient allocation is complete). Indicates that nurses are to stop reporting to the D Door entrance to ED and are to await further instructions.
- **NEW Code Orange Resume –** Activated when the ED requires additional resources following a Code Orange Pause. Indicates that nurses are to resume reporting to the D Door entrance to ED and are to await further instructions.

Available nurses from all clinical units report to **D** entrance doors and line up in hallway with stretchers or wheelchairs (if available) to transport patients to assigned in-patient units.



**FYI:** Several forms embedded in the policy have been converted to official forms: #FCS 475 - Code Orange Stage 2 Patient Roster Sheet, #FCS 476 - Code Orange Patient Information Request Form, #FCS 477 - Code Orange Command Centre Deceased Patient Roster Sheet, & #FCS 478 - Code Orange Transportation Discharge Centre Form.

## Other Key Changes Include: **SBAR Evaluation & Hot Wash Debrief**

**ED Manager** (or Delegate) or **Administrative Coordinator** is responsible to complete an **SBAR evaluation** (as seen below). This information will be provided to the Senior Leader on Call.

<b>Situation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cause of disaster</li> <li>- Anticipated number of casualties</li> <li>- Severity of injuries</li> <li>- Time of arrival</li> </ul>
<b>Background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How many patients in the ED?</li> <li>- How many admissions?</li> <li>- How many staff working?</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Should fan-out be activated?</li> <li>- What specialties may be involved?</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manage internally in ED</li> <li>- Code Orange Stage 1</li> <li>- Code Orange Stage 2</li> </ul>



Immediately after the incident it is the responsibility of the **Operations Section Head or designate** to lead a **Hot Wash Debrief**. The intent is to document initial responder reactions and feedback to allow for potential improvements to policies and procedures.

See hotwash debrief demo:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8L7PXQurL4>

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***Coming soon: Code Orange  
focused exercise will take place  
summer 2023!***