

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO STANDARDIZED HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CODE STATE OF LOUISIANA

Emergency Code uniformity enables many individuals at multiple facilities to respond consistently to emergencies, which ultimately enhances safety for patients, visitors, and staff. Louisiana Hospital Association Legislative, Regulatory & Policy Council and the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Hospital Council have adopted the following selected code designations for emergency identification:

CODE BLUE - Medical Emergency-Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest



CODE RED - Fire



CODE GREY - Severe Weather



CODE BLACK - Bomb



CODE PINK - Infant/Child Abduction



CODE YELLOW - Disaster-Mass Casualty



CODE WHITE - Security Alert-Combative Person Without Weapon

CODE ORANGE - Hazardous Materials



CODE SILVER - Active Shooter – Combative Person With Weapon



Healthcare personnel frequently respond to emergency situations or events in their facilities and may encounter confusion and frustration at the time of crisis or disaster. The above recommended standardized emergency codes and guidelines are designed to assist healthcare facilities in serving their community quickly throughout a disaster in order to continue with normal operations.