

Reading Hospital

Plain Language – Codes Crosswalk

Situation	Current Language	Plain Language <i>Effective Dec. 16, 2019</i>
Summon Facility Leadership and Establish Incident Command		Incident Command Activation
Fire	Code Red	Code Red - Fire Alarm + Location
Fire Out	Code Green	All Clear - Resume Normal Duties
Code Team Activation - Cardiac Arrest Emergency	Code Blue	Code Blue - Location + ADULT (18 years+) Code Blue - Location + PEDS (17 and younger)
Medical Emergency - Non-Cardiac Arrest Emergency	ERT	Medical Emergency - ERT + Location
Deteriorating Patient Condition	Medical Assessment Team	Rapid Response Team + Location
Stroke Team Activation		Stroke + Location Brain Attack + Location
STEMI		Patient STEMI + Location
Trauma En-Route		Trauma + ETA Response Alert
Neonatal Crisis		Neonatal Emergency + Location
OB Emergency		OB Rapid Response Team + Location
Mass Casualty Incident		Mass Casualty Incident - Internal or External
Person Brandishing a Weapon	Code Silver	Security Emergency - Active Threat + Location Security Emergency - Active Shooter + Location
Out of Control Person	Code Orange	Security Emergency - Behavioral Response + Location
BERRT		Security Emergency - Behavioral Response + Location
Facility Lockdown	Code Grey	Security Emergency - Campus Lockdown
Emergency Department Lockdown	Code Grey	Security Emergency - Campus Lockdown
Suspicious Package		Security Alert - Suspicious Package
Bomb Threat	Code Black	Security Alert - Bomb Threat
Patient Elopement	Code Purple	Security Alert - Elopement + Location + Description
Infant Abduction	Code Pink	Security Alert - Infant Abduction + Location + Description
Pediatric Patient Abduction	Code Pink	Security Alert - Pediatric Abduction + Location + Description

Missing Child - Non-Patient	Code Adam	Security Alert - Missing Child + Location
Loss of Utility - Power	Code Brown	Utility Alert - Type (Power, Water, Phone, Gas, HVAC)
Loss of Utility - Water, Gas, Phone, HVAC		Utility Alert - Type (Power, Water, Phone, Gas, HVAC)
Tornado, Thunderstorm, or Winter Weather		Severe Weather Alert - Type
Disaster	Code D	Internal Event + Location External Event All Clear
Decontamination Alert		Patient Decontamination + Location
Internal Spill		Hazmat Chemical Spill + Location
Internal Evacuation		Evacuation + Location
Facility Evacuation		Evacuation - Facility
Exercise Notification		Internal Drill
Exercise Notification		External Drill
Exercise Complete Notification		All Clear – Resume Normal Duties

***Bolded messages are to be announced overhead**

***"All Clear" is to be used after Emergencies or Alerts**