

## BILH Code Blue Guidelines

Care of patients with COVID-19 requires Droplet Precautions with eye protection and Contact Precautions. Intubation is considered a [high-risk procedure for transmission of COVID-19](#). Code Blue events are emergencies and there may be insufficient time to evaluate the risk of COVID-19 infection in each case before intervention is required, so staff may want to don a respirator when entering the room during a d.

To avoid confusion around the personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary for Code Blue events for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients and non-suspect patients, BILH is making the following change to our Code Blue team response during this pandemic:

- ALL Code Blue event patients are to be considered possible COVID-19 patients because of the emergent nature of the scenario.
- The required PPE for a Code Blue includes: N95 respirator + eye protection + gown + gloves (PAPR if not/unable to be fit tested).
- To preserve PPE supplies, please limit the number of staff who enter the room for all Code Blue events. Staff should be following the PPE protocols posted in the “Personal Protective Equipment” section of [BILH's COVID-19 website](#) for single use and reusable PPE.