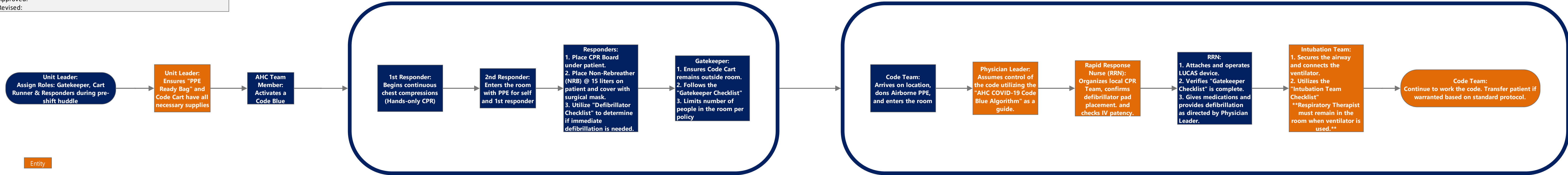![Adventist HealthCare logo]

Code Blue Response During a Pandemic
<u>Purpose:</u> Minimize Healthcare Worker exposure to COVID-19 aerosols and droplets while ensuring the best patient outcomes.
<u>Scope:</u> All applicable patient care settings excluding Urgent Care and Home Health
Approved:
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Local Team

Code Team

Unit Leader:
Assign Roles: Gatekeeper, Cart Runner & Responders during pre-shift huddle

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Unit Leader:
Ensures "PPE Ready Bag" and Code Cart have all necessary supplies

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AHC Team Member:
Activates a Code Blue

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1st Responder:
Begins continuous chest compressions (Hands-only CPR)

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2nd Responder:
Enters the room with PPE for self and 1st responder

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Responders:
1. Place CPR Board under patient.
2. Place Non-Rebreather (NRB) @ 15 liters on patient and cover with surgical mask.
3. Utilize "Defibrillator Checklist" to determine if immediate defibrillation is needed.

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Gatekeeper:
1. Ensures Code Cart remains outside room.
2. Follows the "Gatekeeper Checklist"
3. Limits number of people in the room per policy

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Code Team:
Arrives on location, dons Airborne PPE, and enters the room

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Physician Leader:
Assumes control of the code utilizing the "AHC COVID-19 Code Blue Algorithm" as a guide.

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Rapid Response Nurse (RRN):
Organizes local CPR Team, confirms defibrillator pad placement, and checks IV patency.

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RRN:
1. Attaches and operates LUCAS device.
2. Verifies "Gatekeeper Checklist" is complete.
3. Gives medications and provides defibrillation as directed by Physician Leader.

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Intubation Team:
1. Secures the airway and connects the ventilator.
2. Utilizes the "Intubation Team Checklist"
Respiratory Therapist must remain in the room when ventilator is used.

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Code Team:
Continue to work the code. Transfer patient if warranted based on standard protocol.

Legend

Entity
-entity discretion to operationalize "WHO" is responsible for this activity

AHC
-system standard