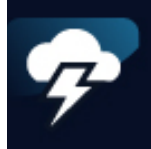


Code Black**Severe Weather:**

Phase 1 – Watch issued. Heighten awareness.

Phase 2 – Warning - Move Patients to safe location.

Tornado – Move patients away from outside walls & windows

ALL Physicians:

- Be aware that Code Black means “Severe Weather”.

CODE BLACK PHASE 1 = Weather Watch issued:

- Turn on TV or Radio for weather information
- Inform patients of weather and what to do / where to go if Code Black Phase 2 is announced.
- Know where the Protected Areas are located and coordinate with nursing staff regarding who will assist with moving patients/visitors if needed.

CODE BLACK PHASE 2 = Weather Warning issued:

- Possible imminent threat to the facility - take immediate action to protect patients and occupants from severe weather conditions.
- Follow the instructions of Nursing staff or other Leadership.
- Assist with Patient Care as needed if you are in the area or respond to the area.
- Departments will follow their plans to move patients and visitors to pre-designated protected areas within the facility during thunderstorm/tornado warnings.

Perioperative Physicians and Staff in the Event of Code Black:

- Staff will inform Physicians conducting surgery or other invasive procedures about the weather conditions to evaluate the risk of starting new procedures.
- **During Code Black Phase 1, the physician once informed may make the decision to proceed or not.**
- **During Code Black Phase 2, the decision to proceed with surgery or other invasive procedures must be a joint decision between Surgery Administration and the Physician.**

Clinic / Off-Site Physicians and Staff in the Event of Code Black:

- Know where the Protected Areas are located within your building and coordinate with nursing staff regarding who will assist with moving patients/visitors if needed.
- Weather radios are available for every clinic for weather alerts. If your clinic needs a radio, please contact INTEGRIS Safety at safety@integrisok.com or 405-949-3738.