

CODE ORANGE

Emergency Response

External/Natural Disaster

What does it Mean?

Code Orange is the designated phrase to alert and notify staff of the need to prepare for or respond to anticipated casualty volumes which are likely to exceed site available resources, requiring additional or extraordinary assistance, or may require multi-Site responses (Mass Casualty Incident)

What to do?

Once the home has been notified of additional incoming residents or outside community members:

- The Charge Nurse will Notify the Executive Director- and the Executive Director will notify the rest of the management team.
- If residents or community members are expected to arrive in less than 3 hours Announce CODE ORANGE 3Xs.
- Emergency Communication procedure will be initiated to have other staff come to assist at the home if required.
- Establish a receiving area.
- Emergency Communication procedure will also be done by the Executive Director or Designate to make all families and residents aware of the situation as well.