

PROCEDURE:

CODE GRAY WATCH or **CODE GRAY WARNING** will be announced three times overhead

FOR WATCH:

FOR Tornado Watch or Severe Thunderstorm Watch

1. Construct a list of people in your Patient Care Area, update as people arrive and leave.
2. Close shades or drapes over all windows.
3. Remove items not essential for patient care and place in drawers/lockers.
4. Move all charts, mobile carts and equipment/items in halls etc. to an inside room.
5. Prepare equipment that may be needed to move patients in the event of a tornado warning.

FOR WARNING:

FOR Tornado Warning or Severe Thunderstorm Warning

1. Personnel will begin to move patients to designated safe areas.
Safer areas: OR hall, Radiology core/Fluoroscopy room
2. Obtain list of people constructed during watch and ensure that people on the list are in the safe area(s).
3. Move patient care equipment needed to care for patients to the safe area(s).
4. Maintain appropriate space in corridors for personnel to move safely among patients.
5. Close all doors.
6. Personnel shall assist patients in lying flat or crouching down with head covered with blankets or hands.
7. Wait for "**All Clear**" message to be given.

CODE GRAY – Severe Weather