Code Blue Steps During COVID-19 Pandemic

1st RN Enters in Airborne PPE

- Confirm pulselessness and full code status
- Activate code blue
- Start CPR

2nd RN Enters in Airborne PPE

- Bring in code cart
- Apply defibrillation pads
- Assess for shockable rhythm and shock as appropriate

Switch Compressor

- After shock or if a shock is not indicated, defibrillator RN becomes next compressor & performs compressions for 2 min

Access & Medications

- 1st compressor RN – confirms good IV or starts IO
- Prepares epinephrine dose

3rd RN Enters in Airborne PPE

- Stands outside the room to coordinate sending people to get needed items, more meds, other needed personnel, etc

Respiratory Therapist in Airborne PPE

- Bring in and lay out bag valve mask with filter, intubation equipment, & ventilator and set up suction & ventilator

Anesthesia in Airborne PPE

- Intubates patient under clear protective cover
- Leaves while RT connects patient to ventilator
- RT leaves after connecting

Limit Crowd & Exposure

- No more than 4 people should be in the room during the code
- Limit number of people exposed

No one is to enter the room under any circumstances unless they are in full airborne PPE. May substitute or add MD/DO, according to local practice.

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