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Policy:

To provide guidelines for response to a real or suspected biological terrorism attack.

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Prevailing Codes and Standards:

University Hospital Safety Manual, TJC EC .02.05.01

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Procedure:

I. FOR CAMPUS-WIDE POLICY, REFER TO THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SAFETY MANUAL, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SECTION, "BIOLOGICAL TERRORISM PLAN" POLICY 2.17.

II. NOTIFICATION OF DISASTER

- A. The decision to activate the Bioterrorism Disaster Plan is the responsibility of the Emergency Department Physician. The Switchboard will notify Physical Plant when the Biological Terrorism Plan has been activated.
- B. If the plan is activated after hours, the call-out plan will be activated.

III. PHYSICAL PLANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Execute emergency containment plans for 9th floor K-Wing. (***Refer to attached floor plan for corresponding numbers***)
  - 1. Reduce air handling fresh air to 1500 CFM. Verify all K-Wing exhaust fans operational.
  - 2. Seal elevator doors with duct tape and fire rated plastic. Have contractor defeat service to this floor.
    - a. Duct tape and fire rated plastic are stored in Renovation tool room #109 Physical Plant Building.
    - b. The cabinet is labeled "Plastic" and can only be opened with GGM key.
    - c. The first responder will be responsible for getting the materials and directing the installation.
  - 3. Close and seal door with duct tape. Add barrier tape. Lock stairwell door. Post biohazard sign on non-containment side.

- 4. Have Biomedical stop pneumatic tube access to this floor.
- 5. Seal door to laundry chute.
- 6. Post biohazard signs on all exits to K-Wing roof. PPE (personal protective equipment) is mandatory.
- 7. Nursing to post this location. Provide all

- required PPE to enter unit. Use portable HEPA unit.
8. Disconnect and cap 16x8 exhaust duct connected to ER-1. Apply mastic to all exposed seams under negative pressure.
  9. Setup incline manometer. Log pressure hourly or as directed by Engineering.
  10. Seal trash chute door with duct tape.
  11. Provide temporary power for two ICU beds.
  12. Set mixing box to zero flow.
  13. If 8-333 (Cadaver Ballroom) is used as temporary morgue, PPE equipment is mandatory for B-Building and BRI roofs.
  14. Inspect all roof mounted exhaust fans for proper operation. Pay particular regard to bolts.
- B. Engineering - Identical application to 8th floor K-Wing.
- C. Emergency Room - If notified by Hospital Administration of a containment requirement in emergency room:
1. Close all outdoor air intakes for Emergency Room (Roof Top OPD) Burn Unit and Radiology 2nd floor.
  2. Post biohazard signs at all exits to hospital roofs. PPE mandatory.