

COVID Intensivist Surge Team (CVIST)

General Guidelines

1. CVIST will be assigned to an ICU location and will be responsible for the patient care within assigned area (attached schedule A)
2. While responsible for an assigned area and number of patients, if available, a CVIST can assist other CVIST
3. The ICU locations include 6 Lime Right, 6 Lime Left, 6 North, TNU, PACU, Cardiac Cath Unit, IVU, and Endo.
4. 6 Lime Right is an all COVID ICU
5. 6 Lime Left will be a “CLEAN” unit and will house non-covid medical, trauma, neuroscience, and cardiac patients
6. Overflow ICU’s and CVIST will be activated based on surge census

7. Any admission to the ICU's will be called to the CVIST for 6Lime Left who will triage and assign the appropriate team based on admission location as assigned by the nursing supervisor.
8. An APP and Lead Intensivist (if available) will evaluate the patient in the ED and place admission orders for the unit in which they are assigned
9. CVIST's will be assigned responsibility for the house wide rapid response process. This will be done in a rotating basis (see attached schedule B)
10. CVIST's will respond to Code blue based on their location of assigned coverage. If entering a COVID positive room they must don the proper PPE before entry to the room (team safety first)
11. PERT response will remain in the prevue of the PAL provider and his CVIST team (see attached schedule C)

12. Each CVIST member under guidance of intensivist will be responsible for communication with family