

**Code Cart use involving COVID 19 PUI or Confirmed Positive Patients**  
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**Code Carts are not to be brought into the patient's room**

- Code Cart to remain in the hallway with a designated “clean” team member to pull and pass meds into the room when necessary
  - Make all attempts to prevent cross contamination when passing meds between the “clean” team member and the “contaminated” team member

Each code cart in the COVID patient areas will have a separate **COVID CODE BLUE BOX**

**Boxes will be located on top of the code carts**

- **The Boxes will each contain:**
  - 2 Amps of Epinephrine
  - 1 Amp of Calcium Chloride
  - 1 Amp of Sodium Bicarbonate
  - 1 Amp of Lidocaine (**use in place of Amiodarone bolus**)
  - Saline Flushes x 4
- Meds in the box will be heat sealed so they can be disinfected with Oxivir or equivalent in the event they are brought into the room, but not used
  - Make sure to wipe down unused contents contained in plastic
  - Wipe down the entire box prior to leaving the room
  - **Call Pharmacy at 72880 to provide replacement and retrieve used box**
- If only the COVID box is used, still chart on the resuscitation flowsheet and provide carbon copy to pharmacy tech with used box and place other copy in pt. chart

**In the event a Code Cart is brought in to a PUI or COVID Positive room:**

- After the completion of the event, clean/disinfect the cart externally with Oxivir, including Defibrillator
    - **Any drawers that items were used from (external plastic seal is perforated):**
      - Place entire tray inside of a biohazard bag, seal and label “Needs to be quarantined” with Date and Unit on the top of the bag
      - For a medication related drawers-**please call pharmacy at 72880** and a pharmacy tech will retrieve the quarantined tray
      - For a non-medication related drawers alert CSR when they come to retrieve the code cart and provide them with the quarantined tray
- Do not reinsert quarantined tray into drawer**
- With Oxivir or equivalent, wipe down the inside of the drawer

- **If the plastic seal was not perforated:**
  - Wipe down entire tray, the inside of the drawer and then place cleaned tray back into appropriate cleaned drawer
- **Opened drawers containing non-plastic wrapped items (i.e. bottom equipment drawer):**
  - Any item with a paper backing/cardboard box cannot be wiped down and needs to be disposed of in room (i.e. syringes, needles, etc.)
  - With Oxivir or equivalent, wipe down the inside of the drawer
  - If item is wrapped in plastic, wipe down with Oxivir and place back in cleaned drawer
- **Remove cleaned code cart from the room and place in the hallway**
  - When CSR comes to collect the cart, please tell them that the cart was in COVID isolation room and that it was disinfected with Oxivir
  - Provide them with any bagged non-pharmacy items for quarantine
- **Locations for quarantine code cart items:**
  - Any non-pharmacy related items will be quarantined in the CSR Decontamination room for **FIVE** Days
  - Pharmacy related items will be quarantined in the pharmacy closet for **FIVE** Days

\*The paper resuscitation flowsheet needs to remain outside of the room at all times\*

**Paper cannot be wiped down-please chart on a separate paper and then transcribe to appropriate resuscitation flowsheet**