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## Code Intubation

### Guideline

In anticipation of a surge of critically ill COVID-19 patients, Ventura County Medical System (VCMS) shall establish a team to assist with intubations of these patients.

### Procedure

In the event a patient with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 needs to be intubated, the page operator shall be called. The page operator will announce an overhead "CODE INTUBATION" call.

The following providers shall respond:

- ICU charge nurse
- On-call anesthesiologist
- Respiratory therapist (and, if available, a back up respiratory therapist)
- Nursing supervisor

Anesthesia may take call from home with the following expected response times:

- Ventura County Medical Center: 10 minutes
- Santa Paula Hospital: 25 minutes

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