

Nebraska Biocontainment Unit (NBU) Activation Checklist

Date// Time initiated:	Time complete:
Signed when complete	
Print Name	

- Each section of tasks is to be performed simultaneously and as feasibly able when NBU staff arrives. Note names of person being assigned task.
- The initial person entering the NBU upon activation shall take charge of the Activation Checklist and assign tasks as other NBU staff arrives, while maintaining a master list.
- Each person shall report back to the person taking charge of the list with information regarding their responsibility.

NBU Activation tasks	Assigned to
Notifications	
Initial Tasks	
PPE	
Staffing	
Nurses Station	
Dirty Utility	
Medical Supply Room	
Patient Care Room(s)	
Respiratory Therapy	
Halls	
Isopod	



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Notifications Notify of expected time/ date of pt	Assigned to	Complete
arrival		
Notify Incident Commander on call-convene NM		
Leadership group		
Notify NBU staff using the emergency notification		
system (E2)		
If the expected patient is xx y/o or younger notify the		
Peds NBU team using the emergency notification		
system (E2)		
Notify the Critical Care Team by calling MD at xxx-		
xxx-xxxx. If unable to reach him, use the		
biocontainment unit call sheet to determine which		
service to page. To page the Critical Care Pulmonary		
team use xxx-xxxx. To page the Critical Care		
Anesthesia team use xxx-xxxx. and inform them of the		
expected date and time the patient will arrive.		
Notify the Pediatric MD teams if the expected patient		
is 16y/o or younger.		
MD- Peds Critical Care xxx-xxxx, cell xxx-xxx-xxxx.		
MD-Peds Critical Care xxx-xxxx, cell xxx-xxx-xxxx		
MD Infectious Diseases xxx-xxxx, cell xxx-xxx-xxxx		
Notify patient transportation team		
xxx xxx-xxxx and xxx-xxx-xxxx		
Notify Corporate Communications & Concierge Nurse		
XXX XXX-XXXX		
Notify the IT Help Desk @ xxx xxx-xxxx option x that		
the Biocontainment Unit is being activated and have		
them accomplish the following:		
Test NBU computers/ speakers/ neurons/		
printers (including lab label printer), Vidyo and		
fax machine		
Set-up IT equipment in the Incident Command		
room (speaker phone, printer, fax machine)		
Notify BioMed to check patient monitoring equipment		
XXX XXX-XXXX		
Notify Facilities Senior Zone Manager and Mechanical		
Engineering Manager to verify the parameters of the		
air handling system.		
FSZM- office xxx-xxx-xxxx or use hospital operator		



MEM office xxx-xxx-xxxx, cell xxx-xxx-xxxx	
Notify the Nurse Resource Coordinator (NRC) of	
NBU activation xxx xxx-xxxx	
Request the NRC to send out a text to all hospital	
nurse managers and lead RNs to notify them of the	
NBU activation.	
Call Security xxx-xxx-xxxx	
Provide a time to have the conditional NBU	
access list deactivated.	
 Request confirmation of NBU security settings 	
xxx xxx xxxx c xxx xxx-xxxx for employee badge	
access and conditional access list deactivated.	
access and conditional access list deactivated.	
Contact the Bed Desk xxx xxx-xxxx and provide them	
with the patient's name and pending date of admission	
EVS: xxx-xxx-xxxx or after hours pager xxx xxx-xxxx	
Notify them of the NBU activation and provide an	
expected date and time of patient arrival also provide a	
time for them to clean the NBU prior to patient arrival	
Security: dispatch xxx xxx-xxxx	
Main Pharmacy: (have pharmacy to stock NBU	
Omnicell STAT) xxx xxx-xxxx	
p xxx xxx-xxxx c xxx xxx-xxxx	
Food Service: xxx xxx-xxxx	
Notify them of the need to supply hydration and	
nutrition for NBU staff.	
Hospital chaplain: xxx xxx-xxxx or check web on call	_
for#	
Call the Linen Department: (NBU linens and scrubs to	
be delivered xxx xxx-xxxx p xxx-xxxx	
 Scrubs to be stocked in the cart located in the 	
staff changing area.	
Linens to be stocked in the NBU main hallway closet	
Call Med Materials to have the NBU stocked with the	
age appropriate lists (Adult or Pediatric) xxx xxx-xxxx	
o xxx xxx-xxxx p xxxxxxx or xxx- xxx-xxxx and ask	
for supervisor	
Notify Behavioral Health: Notify them of the NBU	
activation and provide an expected date and time of	
patient arrival w xxx xxx-xxxx c xxx xxx-xxxx h xxx	_



XXX-XXXX	
Notify the Radiology Department and arrange for a	
portable x-ray machine to be delivered and left in the	
NBU clean room: xxx xxx-xxxx p xxx xxx-xxxx	
Notify Patient Relations xxx xxx-xxxx	
Notify Mortuary Services	
Notify Employee Health with anticipated arrival day	
for temperature monitoring of healthcare workers xxx-	
xxx-xxxx. Notify UNMC Research IT office to set up	
REDcap temperature monitoring tool application at	
XXX XXX-XXXX	
Notify Blood Bank xxx xxx-xxxx	
Notify Facilities to check unit xxx xxx-xxxx	
Notify Inpatient Dialysis:	
XXX XXX-XXXX	
If OB/GYN needed, notify	
MD cell xxx-xxx-xxxx pager xxx-xxx-xxxx or	
MD cell xxx-xxx-xxxx pager xxx-xxx-xxxx or	
MD cell xxx-xxx-xxxx pager xxx-xxx-xxxx	
Notify Nebraska Public Health Lab manager office	
xxx-xxx-xxxx cell xxx-xxx-xxxx pager xxx-xxx-xxxx	
Notify University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics	
xx/x UIHC Admissions and Transfer Center line: xxx-xxx-	
xxxx (this is the line IDPH is supposed to use to officially	
notify us of a patient within Iowa or if you get activated).	
xx/x UIHC Telecommunications Center line: xxx-xxx-xxxx	
(tell them to page):	
xx/x SNICU (SIU) Front Desk: xxx-xxx-xxxx – ask for	
Nurse Manager/Assistant NM on duty.	



Initial Tasks	Task complete (√)	Initials
Email NBU staff the most recent donning/doffing		
videos and policies for JIT		
Ensure Isopod with charged battery and airway box is		
ready to go (if needed)		
(also other supplies as needed)		
Contact EVS: pager xxx-xxxx		
In addition to trash removal and any additional		
cleaning have them:		
Stock liquid bleach in the supply and clean		
rooms to par level		
 Stock Neutral Detergent in the supply room to par level 		
 Stock clean mop heads for cleaning in clean 		
room		
Stock blue linens in the clean room and linen		
closet to par level		
Stock scrubs to par level		
 Stock white towels in staff shower/ changing area 		
 Stock cardboard boxes with red biohazard bags in the clean autoclave room 		
 Stock paper towels and toilet paper in restrooms 		
Ensure there are x mop buckets with mop poles in the NBU		
Remove all trash from the NBU		
Place at least x rolls of blue plastic linen bags		
in the clean autoclave room		
Place packing tape and a permanent marker in		
the clean side of autoclave room		
Move NBU equipment to storage or needed		
location(s).		
Body sealer (Bioseal) - medical supply room.		
 Check supply level of Autoclave bags – 		
medical supply room.		



Staffing:	Task complete (√)	Initials
Prepare temperature monitoring station		
Prepare staffing schedule and email it to all NBU staff		
Select teams for patient transport if needed		
If a pediatric patient is expected, notify the PEG-C and		
Peds/PICU managers		

PPE	Task complete (√)	Initials
Validate scrubs in all sizes have been delivered to the		
staff changing area. Linen room xxx-xxx-xxxx, pager		
(xxxx-xxxx) xxx-xxxx, after hours use pager xxx-xxxx		
Validate sufficient PPE stocked		
Call Medical Materials xxx- xxx-xxxx if items needed.		
Prepare donning and doffing stations and hang		
checklists with PPE donning and doffing order		
Prepare contact/droplet isolation supplies in the staff		
clean changing area:		
Yellow gowns		
Gloves		
Surgical Masks		
Shoe covers		
Hand sanitizer		
Hair ties		
Caps		
Validate supply of crocs present		
Validate supply of under garments and socks present		
Prepare staff shower facilities with hygiene supplies		
and towels		
Prepare Chlorine Shoe Dip		
Prepare Spill Kit		



Nurses Station:	Task complete (√)	Initials
Computers logged in and ready for use	•	
Printer ready for use		
Telephones functional		
Fax machine ready for use		
If expecting a pediatric patient Call BIOMED to		
deliver a pediatric crash cart with defibrillator: xxx-		
XXXX		
Call BIOMED to deliver Adult or Child defibrillator:		
XXX-XXXX		
As appropriate: Pediatric crash cart/defibrillator		
checked		
Code Cart tag date checked		
Check central cardiac monitoring station (call Biomed		
if any problems or in need of more equipment).		
Policy and procedure book present. Online tools in		
working condition. Backup forms available.		
Check medical gas gauges for pressure		
Check Negative pressure monitors		
Remove framed photos and posters from the NBU		
(store in external supply room)		
Change status of unit from unoccupied to occupied		
using the dedicated key and lock mechanism on the		
wall.		
Print "Provider Down Protocol" xxxx		
Ensure Vidyo functional		



Dirty Utility:	Task complete (√)	Initials
Validate that the autoclave manual is at the nursing		
station.		
Validate cleaning supplies are available:		
call EVS xxx xxx-xxxx/xxx-xxxx if items required		
Run autoclave controls		

Medical Supply Room:	Task complete (√)	Initials
Validate Supply Room is stocked		
Validate Medication Omnicell stocked		
Validate access of RN's, RT's to sign into Omnicell		
Page EKG for stat EKG machine delivery		
Order alaris pumps (x per pt) Patient Care Equipment		
xxx-xxx-xxxx, Voalte phone xxx-xxx-xxxx		
Order alaris pump modules (x per pt)		
Order alaris syringe pumps (x per pt)		
Check and log refrigerator temperatures		
Validate body sealer functional		



Patient care rooms:	Task complete (√)	Initials
Place x box each small, medium, large and extra-large	-	
patient care exam gloves and aprons in room.		
Check Ox, ensure flow meter functional		
Check air, ensure flow meter functional		
Check and set-up suction		
Cardiac monitoring leads ready		
Check all bed functions operational		
Bed scale zeroed		
Line laundry hamper with clear trash bag and place		
green laundry bag inside.		
Validate the call light is functional.		
Validate clean linens are on the bed.		
Hygiene supplies in restroom (basin, shampoo, soap,		
lotion, toothpaste and toothbrush).		
Validate digital stethoscope (with charger) and		
headphones are present and functional.		
Line trash bins with autoclave bags		
Phlebotomy supplies available		
White board and dry erase markers in room		
Patient telephone in room		
Validate absorbent pads are available		
Ensure tray table in each room to be used		
Ensure commode available in each room		
Ensure Vidyo working on wow		
Ensure workstation on wheels working		
Other supplies as needed		



Respiratory Therapy:	Task complete (√)	Initials
Age specific ambu bag, mask and tubing at bedside.		
Validate PAPRS fully charged		
Check for RT inventory (call lead RT xxx-xxxx for		
supplies)		
Notify Lead RT for age specific ventilator if needed		

Halls:	Task complete (√)	Initials
Check fan system alarms at nurse's station (lights		
should be green on system in nurses station). Call		
Facilities for problems.		
Check negative air pressure alarms for all patient		
rooms.		
Validate halls are free from clutter		

Isopod:	Task complete (√)	Initials
Prepare Isopod for patient transport to the NBU if it would be needed (follow NBU policy xxxx Isopod Set-up)		
Consider the need for a backboard-Call the ED front desk xxx-xxx-xxxx		