



News Release

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### **Columbus Community Hospital suspends events amid COVID-19 concerns**

For Immediate Release

**(COLUMBUS, Neb.)** – Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) has suspended all hospital sponsored events, support groups, health and wellness events, and community events held at the hospital until further notice. The suspensions are the latest of many preventative measures the hospital has taken in an effort to prevent or slow the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the community.

Global efforts at this time are focused concurrently on lessening the spread and impact of this virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends any commercial establishment avoid crowding and consider limiting attendance at large gatherings. This recommendation coupled with information provided by countless local, national and international organizations led CCH to the decision to suspend all gatherings at the hospital until further notice.

The hospital is also urging everyone to remain vigilant in protecting themselves by practicing adequate hand-washing, avoiding close contact with others, and staying home if feeling ill.

Please stay up to date with updates from the hospital by following Columbus Community Hospital on Facebook and Twitter or by visiting [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org).

For general information about the coronavirus call 211 or the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Information Line 402.552.6645 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST, 7 days a week.

Community members who have visited travel areas of concern or believe they may have had contact with someone with coronavirus should call the East Central District Health Department 2019 Novel Coronavirus Hotline. For English, call: 402-562-8960. For Spanish, call: 402-562-8963.

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