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Columbus Community Hospital Announces New Visitor Restrictions Due to COVID-19

For Immediate Release

(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community, Columbus Community Hospital has issued new visitor restrictions.

Effective April 3, Columbus Community Hospital will no longer allow visitors to its hospital or clinics. Exceptions to this new policy include:

- Patients who are delivering a baby may have one healthy, labor partner
- Infants in the NICU or post-partum infants may be visited by two parents/guardians
- Pediatric/minor patients (19 years old or younger) may be visited by one parent/guardian
- Dependent adults who need special assistance will be allowed visitors on a case-by-case basis
- Outpatients and clinic patients who need transportation and/or other assistance can have one healthy support person for this purpose
- Hospice patients receiving end-of-life care will be allowed visitors on a case-by-case basis
- Patients who are presenting to the emergency department may have one support person, as necessary
- Patients who need assistance with instructions prior to discharge may be allowed a support person on a case-by-case basis
- Patients who are suspected, but haven't been confirmed, to have COVID-19 may have one support person under extenuating circumstances

In line with previous visitor policies, all visitors and support people will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and asked about their recent travel history and possible contact with people with COVID-19. Visitors who fail these screenings will not be permitted to enter the hospital or clinic. Likewise, anyone with a confirmed or pending COVID-19 diagnosis is not allowed as a visitor or support person.

For more information about CCH's policies regarding COVID-19, visit www.columbushosp.org.

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