



News Release

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CCH laboratory receives accreditation from the College of American Pathologists

For Immediate Release

(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – Columbus Community Hospital’s laboratory has received accreditation from the College of American Pathologists based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

The organization is the world’s largest institution of board-certified pathologists and the leading provider of accreditation and proficiency testing programs. Its accreditation process is designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients.

As part of the accreditation process, inspectors examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety programs and record and overall management. They also inspect the laboratory’s records and quality control of procedures for the two preceding years.

“The laboratory is proud to have met the high standards which are set by the College of American Pathologists,” said Elizabeth Alexander, CCH laboratory director. “When we have an unannounced voluntary inspection, we need to meet or exceed 2,000 different requirements.”

CCH is one of more than 8,000 facilities accredited by the organization worldwide. The federal government recognizes the program as being equal to or more stringent than the government’s own inspection program.

“The CCH laboratory’s achievement is particularly impressive given the central role all of our laboratory professionals have played in responding to the COVID 19 pandemic,” said Dr. Thomas Buttolph, CCH laboratory medical director. “It reflects a robust commitment to excellence and unflinching daily execution of highly technical standards in the service of our patients and community.”

CCH’s laboratory technicians and medical laboratory scientists perform a full range of testing to provide clients, patients and physicians with the most accurate test results in the timeliest manner possible.

“Our team is diligent in keeping up with changing regulations so we can provide the most reliable tests for all of our patients,” said Alexander. “The accuracy of the testing performed by



the CCH laboratory benefits the patients we serve and helps guide their providers to ensure accurate diagnoses.”

CCH’s laboratory offers a full range of medical tests at Healthpark Medical Office Building, Suite 168, with two draw centers located at:

- Draw Center, Healthpark Medical Office Building, Suite 168
 - Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Draw Center, adjacent to registration on first floor of Columbus Community Hospital
 - Hours: 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

For more information on CCH’s laboratory, visit columbushosp.org or call 402-562-4477.

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