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Flu Shots Available at Pardee Urgent Care

(Hendersonville, NC) Flu vaccines are still available at Pardee Urgent Care, located on Thompson Street in Hendersonville beside Epic Theaters. The shots are free with Medicare Part B or Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Otherwise, the vaccinations cost \$25 each.

No appointments are needed, and the Urgent Care facility is open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sundays. Urgent Care will be closed on Christmas Day. For more information, call 828-697-3232.

The CDC lists three types of people who should be vaccinated each year:

1. People at high risk for complications from the flu, including: children aged 6 months until their fifth birthday; pregnant women; people 50 years of age and older; people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions; and people who live in nursing homes and other long term care facilities.

2. People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including: household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu (see above); household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than six months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated); as well as health care workers.

3. Anyone who wants to decrease their risk of influenza.

The flu shot is an inactivated vaccine – containing killed virus – that is given with a needle. The flu shot is approved for use in people six months of age and older, including healthy people and people with chronic medical conditions.

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including a 130-bed nursing facility, an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a sports therapy and rehabilitation facility on Thompson Street, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. Pardee is a recipient of the 2006 HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, placing the hospital among the top 5 percent of hospitals in the U.S. for quality of care. More information is available at www.pardeehospital.org.

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