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Pardee encourages visitor limitation due to flu

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Rates of influenza have risen enough statewide and locally that Pardee Hospital is asking that visitors be limited to a patient's immediate family or closest contact. Visitors are also asked not to bring teenagers and children. Hospitals often discourage visitation for a time during the winter due to flu.

As always, people are discouraged from visiting if they feel ill or have any flu symptoms such as stuffy nose, headache, coughing and fever. Visitors are urged to wash or sanitize their hands before and after visiting patients and upon entering or leaving the hospital. Hand sanitizing stations and dispensers are available at hospital entrances and throughout the building.

As of Thursday, Pardee had seen three confirmed cases of influenza. These numbers are typical at this time of year. No cases of H1N1 have been confirmed locally as of Jan. 19. The number of flu cases is expected to peak in February.

[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,





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including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit www.pardeehospital.org.

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