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Pardee requests limited visitation due to flu

(Hendersonville, NC) Due to the rising number of H1N1 flu illnesses in the state and region, Pardee Hospital requests that visitors be limited to the patient's immediate family or designated support person.

As always, people are discouraged from visiting if they feel ill or have any flu symptoms, such as stuffy nose, headache, coughing and fever. Pardee reminds the community to participate in respiratory etiquette such as covering your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing and observing the proper hand washing techniques. Visitors may be asked to wear a mask if they are exhibiting respiratory symptoms while in the hospital.

Children and teens are strongly discouraged from visiting due to the higher rates of H1N1 flu among younger people. The hospital also asks that pastors visiting members of their faith community keep these cautions in mind.

[Pardee Hospital](http://www.pardeehospital.org) 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](http://www.hendersoncountync.gov). The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall,





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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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