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Pardee implements visitor restrictions

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Due to the increasing amount of influenza (flu) in the area, Pardee Hospital is implementing the following visitor restrictions to help prevent the spread of flu and for the protection of its patients:

- The number of visitors will be limited to only those essential for patient support (one person if possible).
- Children under the age of 18 will not be allowed to visit (due to the rising number of H1N1 flu cases in this age group)
- Visitors should not come to the hospital to visit if they are sick.
- Family members and visitors may be asked to wear a mask while visiting.
- Visitors should wash their hands before entering the patient's room and immediately upon exiting the patient's room.

During this time, Pardee Hospital also 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.

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 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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