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Pardee announces H1N1 flu vaccine still available

(Hendersonville, N.C.) According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) the H1N1 influenza strain continues to affect younger adults in disproportionate numbers, particularly those with underlying medical conditions. Of the 92 flu-associated deaths in North Carolina this season, 70 have been people between the ages of 25 and 64. After one death in January, eight flu-associated deaths were recorded in February and one in March, a confirmation that flu season is not over.

High risk groups include pregnant women, people with chronic illness, children and young adults up to 24 years of age, and the caregivers of young children.

Pardee asks that you contact your physician to schedule an appointment if you would like a vaccine and have not yet received one this season. If you do not have a physician, please call 1-866-790-WELL or contact the Henderson County Health Department at 694-4040 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon to speak with someone about scheduling an appointment. The vaccinations are free of charge.

More than 80 million people in the United States have been vaccinated. In North Carolina, more than 1.6 million doses have been administered, impacting approximately 20% of our population.

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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