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**Verdugo Hills Hospital Offers H1N1 Vaccine
to Employee and Medical Staff Families**

(GLENDALE, CA – December 2, 2009) — Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) recently offered free H1N1 flu vaccinations to its employee and medical staff families. More than 850 doses of the vaccine have been administered at VHH. The Hospital has also offered the vaccine to its staff members.

“The Hospital was fortunate to be able to provide H1N1 vaccine to employees, volunteers and their family members who meet criteria as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,” said Linda Greenwood, RN, VHH’s Infection Control Practitioner. “This was welcomed by many staff who had been looking for the vaccine and unable to find it available for their families. This ties in with the Hospital’s employee wellness program and allows us to serve our employees as well as their families.”

Employee and medical staff families who met the following criteria established by the CDC were eligible for the vaccine: pregnant women; those caring for infants under six months; those age six months to 24 years of age; those 25 to 64 years of age with health conditions associated with high-risk complications from influenza; health care workers and emergency personnel.

About the Hospital:

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. Hospital features include Fast-Track emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. The Hospital also offers surgical services, including bariatric and orthopedic surgeries. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothills’ Best Hospital” by readers of the *Glendale News-Press* for five consecutive years. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org. For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation at 818.952.2226.

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