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COLLABORATING TO FIGHT THE FLU

Hendersonville, NC, January 26, 2009– Juanita A. Rosas seemed somewhat nervous while waiting in line for her turn. Like most people, she does not necessarily like to “get stuck”, but she knew it was for the right reason.

“I’ve heard so many recommendations for the shot. I’ve also heard that the H1N1 flu is really bad, and I’m glad to be able to get my flu shot right here at church,” said Mrs. Rosas.

In support of National Influenza Vaccination Week, January 10 – 16, Blue Ridge Community Health Services (BRCHS) in collaboration with the Henderson County Department of Public Health (HCDPH) provided free H1N1 vaccinations at Immaculate Conception Church.

“Everyone was very grateful that we were able to come out and provide these vaccines for them,” said BRCHS Community Outreach Coordinator Kenett Melgar. “We want to continue to raise awareness about the need for influenza vaccinations this season. The convenience of offering vaccinations at one’s church provided a unique opportunity that he or she might not otherwise have to receive a flu shot.”

Using vaccinations provided by HCDPH, Blue Ridge Community Health Services staff administered 226 H1N1 and 15 regular flu vaccines from 8:30am to 1:00pm at the church.

If you are interested in getting vaccinated against the flu, please speak with your medical provider, Henderson County Health Department, or feel free to contact BRCHS. If you would like BRCHS to provide flu shots on site at your organization, please contact Kenett Melgar, kmelgar@brchs.com.

BRCHS has been serving Hendersonville and the surrounding communities for more than 45 years in an effort to provide high quality and affordable medical, dental and mental health care as well as promote health awareness/education.

If you would like more information about BRCHS, call 692-4289 ext. 2509; write to BRCHS at P. O. Box 5151, Hendersonville, NC 28793; or visit online at www.brchs.com.



"Influenza Vaccination Week, Juanita Rosas.jpg": Henderson County resident Juanita Rosas participates in a vaccination event at her church.