Thank you to our dedicated staff.

#WICSTRONG

COVID – 19 UPDATE
4-16-2020
Today’s Agenda

- Welcome and announcements - Cathy Franklin
- Approved Food List Update - Cynthia Huskey-Gould
- Farmers Market Nutrition Program Update - Steve Strong
- Summary of Status of WIC Services Survey - Jody Ceesay
- COVID-19 Q&As and Webinar Notes - Jacqueline Beard
- Questions and answers – Heidi Feston
  - Follow up to previous questions
  - Hear and answer your questions
Announcements

- Updated to BF Q & A on web – Rachel Markham
- Press release and Facebook posts – Cathy Franklin
- Policy Updates – Marian Polsak
Announcements – Policy Updates

- **Remote Certification policy**
  - Updated [Remote Certification](#) policy reflects all current approved waivers

- **Individual Authorization to Release WIC Information**
  - Posted on the [WIC Remote Services](#) and [Cascades Forms & Materials](#) pages

- **Stimulus Payment Checks – CARES Act**
  - Stimulus payments don’t count as income for WIC

**Note:** We’re consolidating all current policies and procedures to 1 webpage. This may affect bookmarks and favorites on your computer. We’ll let you know when this is completed.
Approved Food List (APL) – Update

- Adding foods to the list daily
  - Cheeses – increased variety, added 8 oz packages, shredded, sticks
  - Peanut butter – increased variety, organic
  - Soy beverage – Walmart’s Great Value brand
  - Whole wheat pasta – increased variety
  - Yogurt – low fat flavored varieties

- Posting APL weekly e.g. 4/14/2020

- Foods pending due to food costs:
  - Milk - Organic
  - Eggs - Cage free and organic
  - Yogurt - Greek and organic
New WIC Foods for More Choice!

Shopping with WIC webpage

- **Shop**
  - Choose only foods that are WIC approved and only in the amounts shown on the Shopping List.
  - Use the [WIC Shopping Guide](#) to see which brands and package sizes are allowed. Note: due to COVID-19, we added new foods that aren't listed in the current guide. See the following:
    - Changes to WIC Allowed Foods in Response to COVID-19 (PDF)
    - COVID-19 - New Approved Foods List 4/9/2020 (PDF)

Spanish

- On our webpages select Español

- Spanish New foods will be posted Monday 4/20
WICShopper App

- New foods banner

- Banner message

- Other languages

We know finding WIC foods has been hard. Thanks for your patience as stores work to keep items stocked. WIC is helping too, by adding more approved foods!

- Find out what’s new on the WIC Allowable Foods button.
- Scan foods at the store to see if an item is on the allowed list.
WICShopper App - Continued

- Under the WIC Allowable Foods button

- Select English food list or Spanish
  
  - English Food list
  - Spanish Food list

- See COVID-19 message

New WIC Foods Due to COVID-19

Learn more about the foods we're working to add and what's available now.

Tap here to see the types of foods we are working to add.

All newly approved foods

Tap to view newly approved foods

COVID-19 New Approved Foods List

All Food Categories

Updated 4.9.2020

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Farmers Market Nutrition Program

2020 FMNP Season Update

- Farmers Markets are considered essential and most remain open following social distancing guidelines.

- Checks are being sent by the bank/print shop beginning today.
  - Will start arriving at agencies the end of this week or early next week
  - Make plans for secure storage of checks until the season begins

- Training for clinic staff will be available mid May

- Start asking participants if they are interested in receiving FMNP benefits for the upcoming season

- Waiver submitted to FNS for mailing checks to participants
Status of WIC Services Survey
Summary of Status of WIC Services Survey

Purpose:
- Assess the current status of the delivery of essential WIC services statewide.

Data Collection:
- Some data is repetitive to monitor for changes week to week.
- New questions are added and some deleted as our assessment needs change.

Timeframe:
- Data is for the upcoming week.
- Surveys need to be completed by Monday at midnight.
Summary of Status of WIC Services Survey

Technology Questions

- As “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” orders progress, we continue to receive new requests for technology for working from home.

- Please continue to send all technology requests to the WIC LPC mailbox.
  - WICLPC@doh.wa.gov

- Adding new notes in the survey doesn’t replace the need to submit a request to the WIC LPC mailbox.
Summary of Status of WIC Services Survey

- WIC Sites Providing Services  4/13/2020

  - How many sites do you have? 205
  - How many sites are closed and participants are served remotely by another site? 76
  - How many sites are closed and participants are not being served? 0

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Summary of Status of WIC Services Survey

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Only 87 participants received face to face contact.
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Current Survey – WIC Clinic Staffing

- How many **WIC FTEs** do you have at your agency? 473
- How many **WIC FTEs** are actively providing services? 416

**WIC FTE**: Staff providing WIC services, no matter the funding source or position.

Example 1: MSS- RD who works 30 hours/week but only 5 hours providing WIC services/week

\[ \frac{5 \text{ hours}}{40 \text{ hours}} = 0.125 \text{ WIC FTE} \]

Example 2: WIC Coordinator/Immunization RN who works 1.0 FTE (40 hours/week) but only provides WIC services for 10 hours/week

\[ \frac{10 \text{ hours}}{40 \text{ hours}} = 0.25 \text{ WIC FTE} \]
Summary of Status of WIC Services Survey
Week of April 13th

FTEs

- FTEs Providing Services
- FTE's Not Working
Summary of Status of WIC Services Survey

Upcoming Questions

- How many staff are working and providing services remotely (not face to face), from the office or at home?

- Please provide us a list of names you requested a video chat license for on the week of March 30th.

- If you need additional video chat licenses please list these in the section provided.

- Local agencies who reported ten or more staff will receive a separate Excel spreadsheet to send in via email so the Status of Remote Service does not need to be completed on the survey.
Status of WIC Services Survey

Please, don't forget to fill out the survey!
Questions?

Contact us with your questions:

Policy Support phone: 1-800-841-1410, press 3, then press 1 or email at wicpolicysupport@doh.wa.gov

Your Local Program Consultant (LPC) or email at wiclpc@doh.wa.gov