



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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Dear WIC Coordinator,

On March 24, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee issued a statewide order, “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” in which he required every Washingtonian to stay home unless they need to pursue an essential activity. The definition of “essential activity” includes food security, “... including hunger relief and nutritional support services...”

Please be aware that **WIC services at the local and state level are essential services**. This means WIC agencies **remain open and operational** during the COVID-19 outbreak.

My instruction to all WIC agencies in Washington is to **continue to provide all WIC services, and provide these services remotely until further notice**. Detailed instructions have already been sent to agencies. We will continue to update you through our weekly webinars and by email with instructions and guidance around serving WIC families during the outbreak.

If at any time your agency isn’t able to provide WIC Services, please contact the LPC team immediately. We will work with you to ensure that your clients can be issued benefits.

The state staff are here to support you during this challenging time. Reach us at WICLPC@doh.wa.gov with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Director, Washington WIC

