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TO: Washington WIC Authorized Vendors

FROM: WIC Vendor Management Team

SUBJECT: New WIC Approved Foods

WIC Foods Expanded in Response to COVID-19

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the WA WIC Nutrition Program has completed the expansion of food options for WIC participants during the COVID-19 emergency. Over 400 new product options have been added to the Approved Product List (APL). The additional WIC foods will help provide more food choices during a time when many products are in short supply in stores across Washington.

Highlights of Changes

New products added within the following categories:

- Milk/Soy
- Yogurt
- Cheese
- Eggs
- Breakfast Cereal
- Whole Wheat Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Baby Foods
- Canned Fish
- Tortillas
- Dried and Canned Beans
- Breads

The complete list of newly added foods is available on our website at the link below.

New Foods- <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/962-975-COVID19NewApprovedFoodsList.pdf>

In addition, we have attached a sortable list of all newly added foods sorted by category. This re-formatted version can be used as a resource to identify any newly added foods currently stocked by your stores.

WIC Shopper Mobile Application

The WIC shopper mobile application has been updated to include all new foods. WIC participants can use this tool to scan the UPC code of any product to determine whether it's approved or not.

Minimum Inventory/Stocking Requirements

WIC authorized vendors are required to meet minimum inventory requirements (MIR) by maintaining stocking levels of specific WIC food categories. As of March 1, 2020, and until further notice, the WIC Nutrition Program has suspended all enforcement of MIR for vendors. We understand the inventory stocking challenges caused by excessive demand for WIC foods during this critical period and want to support our vendor partners throughout. We will send a written communication to all vendors prior to re-establishing MIR enforcement activities.

Please contact us if you have any questions at: WICRetailManagement@doh.wa.gov