



WIC Flash

News from the Arkansas WIC Program
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COVID-19 Update

The Arkansas WIC Program is dedicated to proactively working with our vendors to ensure adequate stock of WIC foods throughout the public health emergency. We are sensitive to the fact that many vendors have reported stocking shortages in the face of increased purchases by all consumers and because of this, we have alternative items that will be added to the APL in the mean time to accommodate our participants and vendors.

Alternative WIC Food Items

The Arkansas WIC Program will allow the following temporary additions/alternatives to our WIC approved food lists.

- 1 Dozen - XL Eggs
- 20 oz. - 100% Whole Wheat Bread
- 8 oz. - blocks of WIC approved cheese

Please email the UPC's for the brands in your stores that fit the descriptions of the food items listed above to leslie.foreman@arkansas.gov. This information is needed as soon as possible to allow the purchase of these alternate food items.

Vendor Requirement Changes

The following vendor requirements will be temporarily suspended:

Monitoring visits, follow-up monitoring visits, compliance investigations, mandatory trainings and voluntary trainings.

If you have any questions, or need to report a shortage of WIC approved food items, please contact Gayla Lanum at 501-280-4675 or email gayla.lanum@arkansas.gov. You may also contact De'Shunda Davis at 501-661-2689 or email deshunda.davis@arkansas.gov.

