



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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ROBERT GORDON
DIRECTOR

March 27, 2020

**RE: TEMPORARY MICHIGAN WIC PROGRAM EXPANDED
FOOD GUIDE CHOICES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2020**

Dear WIC Vendor,

In response to food supply and demand issues for WIC authorized food items caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, effective April 1, 2020, and until further notice, the **Michigan WIC Program will expand Food Guide choices** to our WIC participants on a temporary basis.

Attached is a listing of the additional food choices and package sizes to be allowed on a temporary basis. The attached document will also be available on the Michigan WIC website, along with Spanish and Arabic versions, at: www.michigan.gov/WIC

In order for these additional WIC food choices to be available to all our WIC participants by the April 1 effective date, it will be necessary for all Vendors to immediately update the Approved Product List (APL) on their point-of-sale devices. If you use a Third-Party Processor, you may need to contact them to update your APL file.

If there are UPC's you believe should be WIC approved but are scanning with an error message of NOT A WIC ITEM, please complete the attached **UPC Request Form** and fax it to 517-335-9206.

If you would like to submit a complaint; or if you are unable to access a WIC-authorized food or formula, please download and complete the **WIC Vendor Complaint Form**. This form can be found on our website at www.michigan.gov/WIC. Once on the website, select the blue tab labeled WIC Vendors/Grocers. Then scroll down to the bottom of the page to the section titled 'Submitting a Complaint to the Michigan WIC Program' and click on the hyperlink for the WIC Vendor Complaint Form. When filling out the form, please provide as much detail as possible. Please fax the completed form to 517-335-9514.

Please remember, **effective May 1, 2020**, all Vendor communications will be sent via email. Please ensure we have your most current email address on file; and that you regularly check for important communications from the Michigan WIC Program.

Thank you for your continued support of the Michigan WIC Program, especially now as we work together to assure our WIC participants have access to nutritious food during this crisis. If you have any questions, please contact us at **517-335-8937** or via email at MDHHS-WICVendor@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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