



WIC Vendor eBulletin July 2024

Welcome to the Washington State Department of Health WIC Vendor e-Bulletin. Please share this with all staff involved in WIC. **READ, INITIAL, and place in WIC Training binder.**

You can find a copy of this document and back issues of e-Bulletins on our DOH WIC website:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/WIC/WICVendors>.

Contact us at WICRetailManagement@doh.wa.gov or 1-800-841-1410 Ext. 2 if you have questions or need assistance.

Share Your Thoughts - Rule Changes Coming for Grocers!



We are [updating the rules](#) for WIC vendors, and **we want to know how those rules affect you**. We want to hear from current WIC Grocers and those who don't currently participate.

To make it easier for a variety of vendors to participate, we aim to:

- Increase access to stores that offer WIC benefits
- Increase the variety of stores that offer WIC benefits
- Allow "WIC-Only" vendors

Listening Sessions

You are invited to attend a virtual listening session to share your comments on the challenges and barriers of participating as a WIC vendor. Register for one of the following listening sessions using the links below:

- Monday, **August 5**, 10:30 am-12:30 pm: (English, Spanish, Ukrainian) [REGISTER HERE!](#)
- Tuesday, **August 6**, 10:00 am-12:00 pm: (English, Vietnamese, Mandarin) [REGISTER HERE!](#)
- Wednesday, **August 7**, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm: (English, Russian) [REGISTER HERE!](#)

Workshops

You are also invited to a virtual workshop. During each workshop, DOH will review the draft language with you and listen to any concerns and feedback. Register for one of the following workshops using the links below:

- Tuesday, **August 27**, 1:30-3:30 pm: (English, Spanish, Ukrainian) [REGISTER HERE!](#)
 - Tuesday, **September 3**, 10:00-12:00 pm: (English, Vietnamese, Mandarin) [REGISTER HERE!](#)
 - Wednesday, **September 4**, 2:00-4:00 pm: (English, Russian) [REGISTER HERE!](#)
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Welcome Newly WIC Authorized Grocery Stores



We are pleased to welcome the following stores as new WIC approved vendors!

- **Cedillos Market** in Royal City, Grant County: Over 6,000 WIC participants
 - **Coulee City Food Center** in Coulee City, Grant County: Over 6,000 WIC participants
 - **Hank's Harvest Foods #73** in Twisp, Okanogan County: Over 2,000 WIC participants
 - **Skagit Valley Food Co-op** in Mount Vernon, Skagit County: Over 4,000 WIC participants
 - **Walmart #2319** in Oak Harbor, Island County: Over 2,000 WIC participants
 - **Walmart #2571** in Federal Way, King County: Over 42,000 WIC participants
 - **Walmart #2594** in Lynnwood, Snohomish County: Over 15,000 WIC participants
 - **Walmart #2865** in Spokane, Spokane County: Over 17,000 WIC participants
 - **Walmart #2947** in Vancouver, Clark County: Over 10,000 WIC participants
 - **Walmart #5073** in Kent, King County: Over 42,000 WIC participants
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Store Monitoring

You might see one of our friendly Vendor Management Specialists in your store completing a store monitor visit. The purpose of monitor visits is to ensure federal regulations and vendor agreement requirements are met. During a monitor visit, we may check for:

- Hours of operation & WIC door signs posted
- Prices posted and match what is charged during an education buy
- Minimum inventory requirements
- Outdated foods
- Shelf tag usage
- Training documentation



We're always available if you have questions, issues to discuss, need training or technical assistance. We want to ensure you have the tools to be successful.

Feel free to contact us or visit [Information for WIC Vendors | Washington State Department of Health](#).

Farmers Market Benefits Not Accepted at Grocery Stores

As the farmers market season comes into full swing, you may have WIC participants try or ask to use their farmers market benefits at your store. These benefits are deducted at the farmers markets by scanning a QR code, which isn't possible at any grocery or pharmacy store. WIC participants can only use these benefits at the farmers markets.

Vendor Interactive Training Schedule 2024

All WIC authorized stores must attend an interactive training within the current contract period, which ends on September 30, 2026. We have created a schedule of upcoming **on-line and in-person interactive trainings** this year to help you accomplish this goal. Additional trainings will eventually be scheduled for 2025 and 2026, but we encourage stores to not wait to fulfill this requirement.

Your store can sign up for an interactive training by clicking your preferred training link below to register.

Sign up for an **English online or in-person** training by registering at: <https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/wic/wic-vendors/training>.

English Online Training Schedule:

- July 17, 2024: 2:00pm – 3:30pm
- September 18, 2024: 9:00am – 10:30am
- November 13, 2024: 2:00am – 3:30pm

English In-Person Training Schedule:

Date / Times	Location
August 22, 2024: (10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm)	Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, Toppenish
October 30, 2024: (10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm)	Northshore Public Health, Totem Lake

Sign up for a **Spanish In-Person** training by registering at: <https://doh.wa.gov/es/you-and-your-family-wic-wic-vendors/informacion-de-capacitacion-para-proveedores-de-wic>.

Spanish In-Person Training Schedule:

Date / Times	Location
August 21, 2024: (1pm-3pm)	Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, Toppenish

Foods Added to the Approved Product List



scan the QR code.

Washington WIC is only able to provide foods that are on our Authorized Product List (APL). When people or companies submit new foods, we conduct a review of the item to verify the product meets all WIC requirements. Once verified, we can add it to the APL and WIC participants will have the choice to buy the item.

We review and approve submitted foods often. In order for participants to be able to purchase the added foods, **please make sure your POS system is updated.**

If you have foods you'd like to submit for review, you can visit [Submit Foods for Review - Vendors | Washington State Department of Health](#) or



Washington State WIC is grateful to you for your dedication to providing nutritious foods for program participants and continuing to support the WIC program.

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Complaints: www.doh.wa.gov/youandyourfamily/WIC/makeacomplaint

For all POS related issues contact your POS Provider



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