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VENDOR ALERT 2020 – 9

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS

SUBJECT: USDA EXTENDS WAIVERS – INCLUDING THE TEMPORARY EXPANSIONS TO THE WIC AUTHORIZED FOOD LIST AND AUTHORIZED PRODUCT LIST

Purpose The California Department of Public Health, Women, Infants and Children Division (CDPH/WIC) is notifying all WIC authorized vendors that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) waivers have been extended. These waivers include the temporary expansion to the WIC Authorized Food List and Authorized Product List due to COVID-19.

Background On April 9, 2020 CDPH/WIC released [Vendor Alert 2020–03](#) announcing that the WIC Authorized Food List had been temporarily expanded in response to [Executive Order N-40-20](#) issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 30, 2020.

On September 21, 2020, the USDA released [WIC Policy Memorandum #2020-6](#), which formally extended certain active waivers until 30 days after the end of the nationally-declared COVID-19 public health emergency. To view all USDA waivers, visit the [Laws and Regulations webpage](#).

Action for Vendors CDPH/WIC asks all vendors to notify employees that the temporary changes to the WIC Authorized Food List have been extended.

Vendors must continue to ensure that the most current APL is downloaded every day, as required.

Please Note: There is no change to processing a WIC Card transaction. Cashiers should continue to rely on the WIC EBT system to approve or decline WIC Card purchases.

Questions If you have questions about the expansion to the WIC Authorized Food List or Authorized Product List, please send an email to WICfoods@cdph.ca.gov.



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You may also contact your WIC Vendor Consultant or call toll-free (855) WIC-STOR or (855) 942-7867, or contact the WIC Vendor Management Branch by email at WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov.



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