

Hello Staff!

We hope your holiday season treated you well and welcome to 2024! Please use this newsletter to stay up to date on improvements, changes, reminders, and deadlines for the Alaska Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact us using the information at the end of this newsletter.

Sincerely,
Your WIC Vendor Management Unit

APL Additions

We've expanded our list of approved foods to allow the following products! 200+ items have been added to the APL recently, including some Cage-Free Eggs and Milk.

If you'd like to see if a product is WIC approved, please either find the UPC on our Approved Products List (APL) posted online or download the WICShopper app on your smart device. The WICShopper app is available for free to the public and you do not need to be a WIC participant to use it.



NEW! Cage Free Eggs



Cherry Lane Jumbo White Eggs



Kroger Large Cage Free



Oak Glen Cage Free Eggs



Lucerne Large Cage Free Eggs

NEW! Milk



- Smith Bro. Farms Half Gallon Fat Free Milk
- Smith Bro. Farms Half Gallon 1% Milk
- Smith Bro. Farms Whole Milk Half Gallon
- Smith Bro. Farms 2% Half Gallon Milk



Parmalat 2% Lactose Free UHT QT



That's Smart Instant FF Dry Milk 25.6oz and 9.6 oz

For Commissary only:



- Freedom's Choice Whole Milk 1 gallon
- Freedom's Choice 2% Milk 1 gallon
- Freedom's Choice 1% Milk 1 gallon
- Freedom's Choice 0% Milk 1 gallon

You may find our current list of approved products by going to our website: <https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/nutri/wic> or you can email us to request an emailed copy at any time. If you have the WICShopper app on your smart device, you can also use that to scan barcodes or enter UPC numbers and the app will tell you if it is an approved item or not.

Have additional UPCs for eligible eggs and/or milk? Email them to us!

2024 Annual Training

The State WIC Office will conduct annual training in February!

We offer multiple dates and times so you can choose which is most convenient for your team.

REQUIREMENT: Every individual store is required to have at least one representative participate in at least one annual training call. Each training call will review the same information.

PENALTY: Failure to meet the requirement may result in a warning letter or penalty points. An accumulation of 25 penalty points or more may result in termination of your WIC Vendor Agreement. No additional annual training dates will be scheduled in 2024.

Please make every effort to have a manager, trainer, head cashier, or other selected staff participate in at least one of the trainings listed below.



Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 11:00am AK
Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 3:00pm AK
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 3:00pm AK

Option 1: CALL

1-719-359-4580 or 1-253-205-0468

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kefLRCy3EX>

Follow the prompts to join the meeting.

Option 2: Join with a video conferencing device

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4577078941>

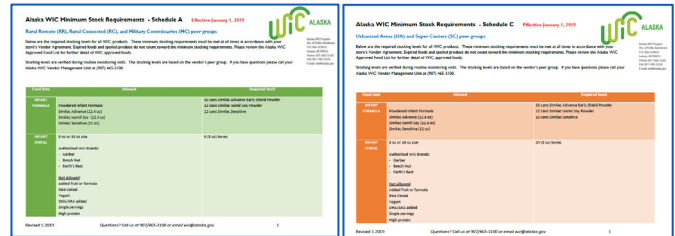
Meeting ID: 457 707 8941

MSR

Minimum Stock Requirements.

These are the amounts of WIC foods that your store is required to always stock. The current MSR's can be found online at:

<https://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/nutri/wic/vendors/vendor-requirements.aspx>.



State Staff Changes

The Vendor Management Unit will work diligently to address all needs during staff shortage. Please continue to use the doh.dpa.wic.vendor@alaska.gov inbox for all WIC related topics, questions, concerns, and more. This email inbox will help make sure you receive prompt responses and support.

Contact Us

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