

Press Release

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Reno County, Kansas

Reno County WIC Program Now Available Without Physical Presence

Effective Monday, March 23, 2020, the USDA and the Kansas State Agency waived the physical presence requirement for WIC participants due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

WIC appointments may now be conducted using telephone, computer and other technology. Clinic staff will assess and certify applicants for eligibility and will issue food benefits remotely to those determined eligible. Delivery method will be determined by local WIC staff.

Clinic operating hours and staff availability will be subject to local and state orders related to the pandemic. Currently, the Reno County WIC program is in operation at the following days and times:

Monday: 7:30-6:00

Tuesday 9:00 – 6:00

Wednesday: 7:30-6:00

Thursday: 7:30-6:00

WIC benefits are available for: pregnant women, women who have recently had a baby, infants and children up to five years of age who meet income guidelines. WIC services include providing supplemental food benefits, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health and social services. Food benefits are purchased at approved grocery stores using an e-WIC card. Cards and program information may be issued to participants through various ways as determined by local WIC staff.

Currently, each woman and child receives healthy foods, including fresh fruits and vegetables, with a retail value of about \$37 per month and about \$41 per month, respectively. Infants who are not breastfed and receive infant formula receive infant formula with a retail value of approximately \$152 per month.

Important: If you or anyone in your family have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, please call the local WIC office and reschedule your appointment. You may be able to complete your WIC appointment over the phone.

For more information, contact Heather Peterson, WIC Supervisor at 694-2900.

