



## **WIC is open for business.**

**Clinics are doing appointments over the phone. Contact your WIC clinic to find out how they're offering services or call 206-263-9300 to find out more information about the WIC program.**

[www.kingcounty.gov/wic](http://www.kingcounty.gov/wic)

Given recent employment changes and layoffs, many families are seeking WIC services for the first time - but even families that have participated in WIC in the past can re-enroll anytime.

People seeking WIC services do not need to visit a WIC clinic. WIC services are available by phone. To verify eligibility, WIC staff have multiple remote options to show proof of income and residency such as text and email.

### **Qualifications to be eligible for WIC**

**You live in Washington state, and;**

**You have a medical or nutrition need, and;**

**You are pregnant, a new mother, or have a child under five years of age, and;**

**You meet the [income guidelines](#).**



## **WIC is new and improved!**

No more paper vouchers! WIC benefits are electronically loaded onto a WIC Card making going through the checkout line easier than ever before. The program now has more food choices and when you use the WICShopper app you can check the WIC eligibility of products while you shop. You can also register your WIC Card on the WICShopper app to see your available balance.

Find out more at [www.kingcounty.gov/wic](http://www.kingcounty.gov/wic)



Unfortunately the federal waiver WIC just received did not go as far as not counting unemployment benefits. I apologize that I misspoke on the \$600 not being counted when we assess income for WIC program participation. The following is the current criteria and hopefully you can share this with folks who were on today's FFF call. Thank you for your help with the slides too!

❖ How do I assess people earning more income with supplemental benefit than they normally receive?

- Use current or annual income – whichever is most reflective of the household's financial status
  - Current = income received in the **past** 30 days
  - Annual = income received in the **past** 12 months
- Unemployed – use the amount during unemployment if it makes the household eligible
  - Current = income received in the **next** 30 days
  - Use the amount determined by Employment Security
  - If not determined yet, use zero income when appropriate and update when there are changes

❖ What counts and doesn't count as income?

**Doesn't count:**

- Stimulus payments – CARES Act
  - This is an advance tax credit, which isn't counted as income for WIC

**Does count:**

- Unemployment benefits and the Supplemental benefit (\$600/week)
  - Unemployment benefits count for WIC (based on WIC regulations)
  - Office of General Counsel is reviewing the supplemental benefit
- Family Medical Leave and/or Family Protection Leave