

7/16/2020 WIC Situation Update

Compiled [WIC COVID-19 Policy Exception Guidance](#) is available on the WIC Coordinator Webpage.

COVID-19 and Food Safety

Our partners at the OSU Western Regional Center to Enhance Food Safety have developed a set of food safety resources to use during COVID-19. The page includes fact sheets and FAQs related to many topics that families are struggling with like “Can you get COVID from food packaging?” and “Do I need to sterilize fresh fruits and vegetables when I bring them home from the grocery store?”

- Check out <https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/wrcefs/covid-19-resources>

Helping children wear face coverings safely

Two graphics are attached that you can share with participants and on social media about how to talk with children about face coverings and to help children wear them safely.

Emergency SNAP benefits update

Emergency SNAP supplemental allotments continue in July, which means all SNAP recipients will receive the maximum amount for their household size. Updated materials in many languages can be found on the Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon website for download within the SNAP section: <https://oregonhunger.org/covid-19/>. English and Spanish versions of the flyer are attached.

Note: This July, DHS is going back to doing phone interviews to issue and reissue SNAP benefits. These interviews were initially waived due to COVID-19, but Food and Nutrition Service did not extend this waiver.

Oregon WIC is featured in the Healthy Babies Bright Futures blog!

State nutrition consultant, Karen Bettin, along with Julie Reeder and Tiare Sanna, wrote an article published on July 13. Go Oregon WIC! <https://hbbf.org/blog/2020-07/how-ensure-your-wic-program-supports-healthy-food-choices>.

How To Ensure Your WIC Program Supports Healthy Food Choices

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