Arkansas: Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Description of Program and Relief

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federally-funded health and nutrition program that predates COVID-19, but can be used by eligible participants at this time.

WIC helps families by providing nutrition education, breastfeeding support, vouchers for healthy foods, and referrals to healthcare and other community services. WIC serves babies and children up to age 5, pregnant women, new mothers, dads, grandparents, foster parents of young children, and working families.

Arkansas WIC is working to ensure that families continue to receive WIC benefits at this time, and as of March 20, 2020 has provided a waiver of the physical presence requirements that would otherwise require participants to receive physical and bloodwork testing in person.

Government or Lead Agency

Arkansas Department of Health / WIC Program.

Dates Available

Available now

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

WIC benefits are available to:

- Women who are pregnant, breastfeeding a baby under 1 year old, or had a baby or were pregnant in the past six months, and have low to medium income

- Infants under 1 year old and children under 5 years old living in families with low to medium income

- Individuals are income-eligible for WIC if they have a total household income equal to or less than the amounts shown in the WIC Income Guidelines, available here.

- Individuals do not have to be on a public assistance program to qualify for WIC.

- Full eligibility requirements are available here.
Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

AN/A

Contact for More Information

Toll-free number: (800) 462-0599

List of Additional Information

To search for Arkansas WIC clinic locations, click here.

For general information click here.