

## Women's Infants and Children (WIC) is Open!

Eligible Orange County WIC Participants continue to receive their benefits as WIC has been identified as an essential service. The four OC WIC agencies are currently calling/texting all their participants and offering to load WIC benefits remotely to their WIC CARD, thus eliminating the need to physically be present at the clinic sites. This strategy allows families to continue to receive WIC benefits, even more critical due to the impact of COVID-19. Most of the clinic sites are not open to the public at this time. This is so we can focus on reaching the participants at home to load their benefits and minimize their exposure in the public.

We also recognize that family incomes may be impacted; thus possibly making families eligible for WIC.

Please do the following to help put food on the table for our vulnerable families:

- Advise your WIC participants that WIC IS NOT CLOSED for business while families are not being seen at the WIC site. WIC staff are feverishly contacting all their participants so that services can be provided over the phone. WIC clients can also call their local agency where they routinely pick up their benefits. Partners and clients can refer to the WIC Mobile Website at <https://m.wic.ca.gov> for more information.
- For those not on WIC but newly eligible due to job loss or hours cut, please refer them to WIC. We are able to enroll eligible participants over the phone at this time. Please [click here](#) for income guidelines or how to apply for WIC.

