

WIC Vendor e-Bulletin

April 2022

Welcome to the April 2022 Washington State Department of Health WIC Vendor e-Bulletin. Please share this with all staff involved in WIC. *READ, INITIAL, and place in WIC Training binder.*

You can find a copy of this document and back issues of e-Bulletins on our DOH WIC website:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/WIC/WICVendors>.

Contact us at WICRetailManagement@doh.wa.gov or 1-800-841-1410 Ext. 2 if you have questions or need assistance.

INTERACTIVE TRAINING SCHEDULE – Spanish and In-Person Trainings Added!

We have added in-person English and both English and Spanish online training opportunities for vendors. These trainings are interactive and provide an opportunity for dialogue between trainers and attendees.

Stores that have not met their training requirement must attend an interactive training by the end of the current contract period of September 30, 2023. If your store has met this requirement, this is a great opportunity for a refresher or for new staff to learn about WIC. **If you're unsure that your store has met this requirement, please contact us.**

English Online Trainings

Your store can sign up for an English online training by registering at [WIC Vendor Training Information : Washington State Department of Health](#) for one of the following dates/times:

- April 13, 2022: 9:00am – 10:30am
- May 11, 2022: 2:00pm – 3:30pm
- June 15, 2022: 9:00am – 10:30am
- July 13, 2022: 2:00pm – 3:30pm
- August 17, 2022: 9:00am – 10:30am
- September 14, 2022: 2:00pm – 3:30pm
- October 12, 2022: 9:00am – 10:30am
- November 16, 2022: 2:00pm – 3:30pm
- December 14, 2022: 9:00am – 10:30am

Spanish Online Trainings

Your store can sign up for a Spanish online training by registering at [Información de capacitación para proveedores de WIC | Washington State Department of Health](#) for one of the following dates/times:

- April 20, 2022: 9:00am – 10:30am **(Spanish)**
- June 29, 2022: 2:00pm – 3:30pm **(Spanish)**

English In-Person Trainings

Your store can sign up for an English in-person training by emailing the Vendor Management Team at WICRetailManagement@doh.wa.gov. Please see the training dates and times below. Copy/Paste your 1st and 2nd preference for the training date/time you want to attend into the email, along with your name, phone #, store name and store # and we'll get you registered. A new link to the English In-

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Person training registration will be available by April 22nd and you'll soon be able to register online. You'll be able to access this at [WIC Vendor Training Information : Washington State Department of Health](#).

Date / Time	Location
Tuesday, April 26 th 1:30pm – 3:30pm	Grant County Moses Lake Christian Academy 1475 Nelson Road NE, Suite A, Moses Lake *No mask requirement
Thursday, April 28 th 10:00am – 12:00pm	Spokane Regional Health District Valley WIC Office 12213 E Broadway, Spokane *Mask requirement unless 6 feet apart
Thursday, April 28 th 1:00pm – 3:00pm	Spokane Regional Health District Valley WIC Office 12213 E Broadway, Spokane *Mask requirement unless 6 feet apart
Wednesday, May 5 th 10:00am – 12:00pm	Clark County Public Health 1601 E 4 th Plain Blvd – Bldg. 17, Vancouver *Masks required upon bldg. entry, then can be removed in training
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Tuesday, June 7 th 10:00am – 12:00pm	Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic 518 West 1 st Ave, Toppenish *Mask requirement info coming soon
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October 18 th 10:00am - 12:00pm	Snohomish County Health District 3020 Rucker Ave, Everett *Mask recommended
October 18 th 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Snohomish County Health District 3020 Rucker Ave, Everett *Mask recommended
October 19 th 10:00am – 12:00pm	Northshore Public Health 13030 121 st Way, Suite 202, Kirkland *Mask recommended
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*Mask guidance as of 4/1/22.

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SIMILAC INFANT FORMULA RECALL

The recent voluntary recall of Similac products has increased the national infant formula supply shortage previously communicated to our vendors. To help remedy this, WIC has temporarily approved several formulas that can be redeemed by WIC families.

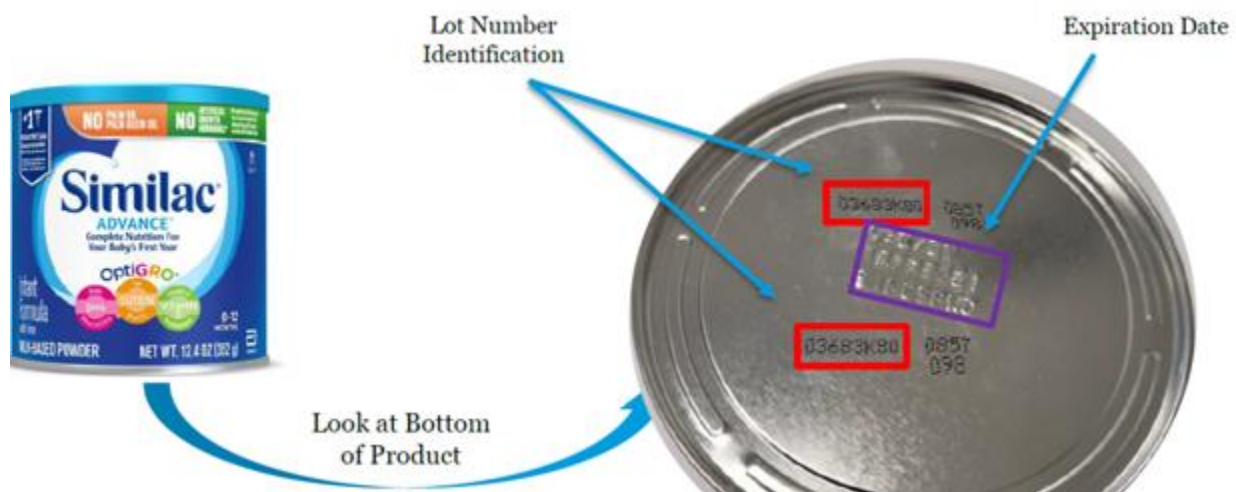
To view the entire list of temporary added approved formulas, please visit:

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/SimilacFormulaRecallTemporaryChoices.pdf> or scan the QR code:



Note: These temporary formulas will eventually be removed from the approved product list in four stages. We have not dates for removal, but will send out communication further explaining how these formulas will be staged out.

As a reminder, the bottom of the can will indicate whether your Similac products are part of the recall. The bottom of the container has a multidigit number. If it's part of the recall, the first two digits will start with 22 through 37, contain K8, SH, or Z2, **AND** with an expiration date of April 1, 2022 or after. If your Similac product does not meet these criteria, you may sell it.



If you have any questions pertaining to the recall, please email us at WICRetailManagement@doh.wa.gov or call 800-841-1410, ext. 2.

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ORDERING VENDOR SUPPLIES

If you're in need of WIC Vendor Supplies, you can request these at:
<https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/opinio/s?s=WICVendSupp>.

You can request supplies such as: Vendor Training Guides, Shopping Guides, WIC Wisdom Activities, Employee Training Records, Tender Cards, WIC Accepted Here Window Clings, Shelf Tags, and more.

Please fill out the contact information accurately to ensure you receive your request promptly.



CASH VALUE BENEFIT (CVB) INCREASE - Extended Through September 30, 2022

On March 15, 2022, President Biden signed the \$1.5 trillion omnibus spending package into law after Congress approved the legislation. This act officially extends the WIC fruit and vegetable (CVB) benefit increase through September 30, 2022, permitting WIC to issue heightened benefits for fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables that reflect science-based recommendations. Since October 2021, WIC has been able to issue fruits and vegetables at \$24/month for children, \$43/month for pregnant and postpartum participants, and \$47/month for breastfeeding participants.

This is a significant benefit increase for all eligible participants and will help to promote healthy food choices. We are asking our WIC vendors to help promote this additional benefit.

Need reports, technical assistance or have a question?
Call us or email us at 1-800-841-1410 or WICRetailManagement@doh.wa.gov.

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