

# WIC PROGRAM CURRENT OR FUTURE VENDORS: COME SHARE!



The Department of Health wants to hear from current WIC grocery vendors (“vendors”) and from stores who don’t currently participate. We are updating the rules for WIC vendors, and we want to know how those rules affect you. We also want to learn how we can make it easier for stores to become authorized WIC vendors.

To make it easier for a variety of vendors to participate, we aim to:

- Increase access to stores that offer WIC benefits
- Increase the variety of stores that offer WIC benefits
- Allow “WIC-Only” vendors

WIC participants shop for their benefits at stores that are authorized to accept WIC benefits. Learn more here:

<https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/wic/wic-vendors>

## VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSIONS

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You are invited to attend a virtual listening session to share your comments on the challenges and barriers of participating as a WIC vendor.

- Tuesday, **July 23**, 10:00 am-12:00 pm: (English, Spanish, Ukrainian) Register here: <https://shorturl.at/X2Yhi>
- Tuesday, **July 30**, 1:00-3:00 pm: (English, Vietnamese, Mandarin) Register here: <https://shorturl.at/L6KMo>
- Wednesday, **July 31**, 9:00-11:00 am: (English, Russian) Register here: <https://shorturl.at/Pvzke>



## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT THE LISTENING SESSIONS?

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Prior to the session, registered participants will receive the Zoom link and discussion questions via email.

During the listening sessions, DOH will ask participants to contribute to the discussion by sharing their thoughts, experiences and questions related to being a WIC vendor and challenges to becoming a WIC vendor.

We will consider your input as we draft the rules. You are invited to work on the rules with us at upcoming workshops.





## VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

During the workshops, DOH will review the draft language with you and listen to any concerns and feedback. Register for the workshops at the links below:

- Tuesday, **August 27**, 1:30-3:30 pm: (English, Spanish, Ukrainian) Register here: <https://shorturl.at/npKii>
- Tuesday, **September 3**, 10:00-12:00 pm: (English, Vietnamese, Mandarin) Register here: <https://shorturl.at/PGpgL>
- Wednesday, **September 4**, 2:00-4:00 pm: (English, Russian) Register here: <https://shorturl.at/CmMy3>

## ENGAGE WITH US: SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS

If you can't attend but would like to share your insights, or you need help registering for the listening sessions and workshops, please email us at [wicretailmanagement@doh.wa.gov](mailto:wicretailmanagement@doh.wa.gov). We will accept comments through September 10th. We look forward to hearing from you!!

## ACCESSIBILITY

Listening sessions and workshops will have American Sign Language interpreters, auto-generated Closed Captioning, and interpreters for listed languages. Please email us if you need additional interpreters, CART providers and/or other accommodations if what we provide is not sufficient for you. The Department of Health will make every effort to secure services, but services are subject to availability.

## HELP US GET THE WORD OUT!

This is a public virtual event. Please help us get the word out widely about these listening sessions by sharing information about the event with your community.

For questions or comments about these listening sessions and workshops, you can email [wicretailmanagement@doh.wa.gov](mailto:wicretailmanagement@doh.wa.gov)

or:

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