

WIC E-Notice #2022-233: National Public Health Emergency Extension

July 18, 2022

Dear WIC Coordinator,

As indicated per past WIC E-Notices, USDA FNS has extended currently active Covid-19 waivers until 90 days after the end of the nationally declared public health emergency (PHE) under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), for WIC State agencies that choose to continue operations under such waivers. By law, the HHS Secretary must renew the PHE declaration every ninety days. Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra [renewed](#) the public health emergency declaration for COVID-19, effective July 15, 2022. **This allows for approved WIC waivers granted under FFCRA to continue through at least January 9, 2023.**

Secretary Becerra has [guaranteed](#) Governors 60-days' notice prior to termination of the PHE. Since WIC waivers are in place for an additional 90 days after expiration of the PHE, WIC providers will have five months' notice between the announcement that a PHE will expire and the end of COVID-related waiver authorities.

If you have questions, please contact the WIC Consultant Du Jour Helpline at 800-942-1636, option 2.