

# County Announces Increased Income Guidelines for WIC

*WIC Services Available at Four St. Charles County Locations*

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*St. Charles County* — The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment has announced that the Missouri Department of Health recently changed the income guidelines for the WIC program. WIC, the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children, provides specific nutritious supplemental foods and nutrition education to pregnant and breastfeeding women, postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five at no cost to the individual. As of April 1, 2001, the income guidelines for the WIC program have increased.

WIC guidelines count the unborn child as a member of the family when income eligibility is determined. The program is open to persons who meet the WIC income guidelines shown below and are determined by health professionals to be at nutritional risk.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
2	21,479	1,790	414
3	27,066	2,256	521
4	32,653	2,722	628
5	38,240	3,187	736
Each Additional Family Member	+5,587	+466	+108

Childhood immunizations are also available at each WIC site.

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The program, administered by the St. Charles County Department of Community Health, has sites in O'Fallon, Wentzville, Harvester, and the City of St. Charles. Persons interested in applying for WIC services or in need of further information should contact the WIC office at (636) 949-7402. Those interested in learning more about other services available from the Department of Community Health and the Environment should visit our website at [www.scchealth.org](http://www.scchealth.org).

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