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Missouri Department of Health WIC Program Increases Income

Guidelines for WIC services

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St. Charles County- The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment has announced that the income guidelines for the WIC Program have changed. WIC (The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children) provides, at no cost, specific nutritious supplemental foods and nutrition education to pregnant and breastfeeding women, postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5.

The income guidelines for the WIC program have increased. Pregnant women are counted as two family members. WIC guidelines count the unborn child as a member of the family when income eligibility is determined. Income guidelines are based on 185% of poverty level. WIC participants are persons who meet the WIC income guidelines shown below and are determined by health professionals to be at nutritional risk.

Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
2	24,420	2,035	470
3	30,710	2,560	591
4	37,000	3,084	712
5	43,290	3,608	833
Each Additional Family Member	+6,290	+525	+121

The WIC program, administrated by the St. Charles County Department of Community Health, has sites in O'Fallon, Wentzville, and the city of St. Charles. Childhood immunizations are also available at all sites. Persons interested in applying or in need of more information should contact the WIC office at 636-949-7402. Those interested in learning more about the services of the Department of Community Health and the Environment may visit our website at www.scchealth.org.

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