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In response to COVID-19 pandemic, the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), WIC program is taking action to ensure food availability to WIC participants. These temporary changes are effective immediately and will continue through July 31, 2020.

Following are the changes that will take effect immediately:

- Addition of 2% milk to the WIC allowed Milk list
- Addition of multi pack and different sizes of yogurt (Currently only 32 oz. is allowed)
 - Must be approved brands (See list attached)
 - Allowed sizes: 6 oz. and 32 to 35 oz.

Participants will be able to substitute milk and yogurt of any available fat content despite the designation of their food package.

- Whole Grains
 - Additional approved sizes for Bread, Tortillas, Brown Rice and Pasta:
 - Must be between 14 oz to 24 oz in size
 - Must be 100 % Whole wheat or 100% Whole Grains
 - Addition of boil in the bag brown rice
 - Flexibility to buy any Whole grains on a single check. Check will appear as printed below:
WIC APPROVED WHOLE GRAINS (BREAD/TORTILLAS/BROWN RICE/PASTA)
(During transition period, please honor both old and new check description for all Whole Grain types)

Please note that these changes are only authorized when prescribed items are unavailable. Please honor these changes even if new changes are not listed on the checks.

Please notify State WIC office in case the vendor is:

- Unable to keep regular store hours
- Unable to maintain inventory of certain food items
- Unable to keep the store open for business
- In need to change approved prices for WIC food items

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the RI WIC Vendor Unit at 222-5939, 222-4637, or 222-4633 or email at DOH.wicvendorsupport@health.ri.gov.

Si necesita ayuda en comprender esta carta, por favor, llame al 222-4637 donde le ayudarán con la traducción