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## **Vendor News Flash**

### **COVID-19 Food Flexibilities Expiring**

In conjunction with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the public health emergency (PHE) **expired on May 11, 2023**. In order to allow a safe and successful return to normal operations, the WIC food flexibilities will remain in place until 90 days after the set expiration date and will officially end on **August 9, 2023**.

#### **The following COVID-19 flexibilities will expire on August 9:**

- All sizes of 2% fluid milk (Regular and Lactose-Free)
- Organic, omega-3, docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), and high-protein fluid milk
- Any size or type of whole wheat bread, other than the 16oz (1 lb.) LEB-declared loaf
- Half dozen and 18-count eggs
- Free-range and pasture-raised eggs

These foods will be removed from the Authorized Product List and cannot be transacted as WIC after August 9.

If needed, virtual and on-site technical assistance is available upon request.

Texas WIC sends heartfelt appreciation to all our vendors for your ongoing cooperation and efforts to continue providing nutritional foods to our WIC clients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Should you have any questions, please email the Vendor Outreach Branch at [WICVendorInfo@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:WICVendorInfo@hhs.texas.gov) or call 800-252-9629.