



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EXTENDS WIC SERVICES CONTRACT THROUGH 2019**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – The Department of Public Health extended its contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to continue operating the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program in St. Charles County through 2019. The WIC program provides specific supplemental foods and nutrition education at no cost to participating families.

By participating, pregnant or breastfeeding women, postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5, receive nutritious foods that are designed to maintain overall health and aid in development. To qualify, St. Charles County WIC participants must meet income guidelines, be a Missouri resident and be at “nutritional risk” as determined by a health professional. The current income eligibility guidelines are based on gross household income and may be viewed online at <https://www.sccmo.org/577/Income-Guidelines>.

Services are provided at the WIC offices, located at 1650 Boones Lick Road in St. Charles, by scheduled appointment, from 8:30 a.m. to noon or from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays). Persons interested in applying for WIC services or scheduling an appointment should call 636-949-7402. To learn more about the program and its services, please visit <https://www.sccmo.org/WIC>.

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#### **About WIC**

*Funded and administered at the federal level through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and managed at the state level by Missouri’s Bureau of Nutrition Services and WIC, St. Charles County’s program operates through the Division of Health Services within the Department of Public Health. In accordance with federal law and USDA policy, the St. Charles County Department of Public Health is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

#### **About the St. Charles County Division of Health Services**

*The Division of Health Services’ mission is to promote healthy choices and improve the health of the community. To achieve these goals, program services include an Immunization Clinic for children and adults; nutrition education and supplemental food services for women, infants and children; chronic disease screening and prevention; Communicable Disease reporting and investigation; educational programming; the collection and distribution of birth and death certificates; assistance in applications for U.S. passports; and more. For information on programs offered, visit <https://www.sccmo.org/HealthServices> or call 636-949-7400.*