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Vendor Alert 2024 – 02

TO: All WIC Vendors

SUBJECT: Guidance to Vendors on Minimum Stocking Requirements for Eggs

Purpose:

The California Department of Public Health, Women, Infants and Children Division (CDPH/WIC) is notifying all authorized vendors that CDPH/WIC is aware of vendor concerns about the egg shortages occurring at state and national levels. CDPH/WIC will not be enforcing the minimum stocking requirements for WIC-authorized eggs until further notice.

Background:

Rising cases of Avian influenza A (H5N1), commonly known as “Bird Flu,” has created an egg supply shortage that is affecting grocery stores throughout California.

For additional information, please visit CDPH’s Bird Flu Information Site:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Bird-Flu.aspx>

Guidance for Vendors:

CDPH/WIC understands that during this unusual state and nationwide supply chain disruption, vendors may experience challenges with meeting the minimum stocking requirements for WIC-authorized eggs. Until further notice, CDPH/WIC will not be enforcing minimum stocking requirements for eggs. Vendors are encouraged to keep store shelves stocked with WIC-authorized eggs to the best of their ability.

Authority:

WIC Bulletin Regulations subsection 71100(b)(6) requires that vendors must stock at least four (4) one (1) dozen containers of authorized types of eggs.



Questions:

For additional questions you may also contact your WIC Vendor Consultant or call toll free (855) WIC-STOR or (855) 942-7867 or contact the WIC Vendor Management Branch by email at WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov.

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