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Johnson County WIC remains open during federal government shutdown

JOHNSON COUNTY, KAN. (Jan 22, 2018) – The Johnson County WIC program continues to operate during the federal government shutdown. This includes providing nutritional food benefits, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referral services to more than 10,000 program participants in Johnson County, Kan.

WIC (Women, Infants and Children) is the USDA funded nutrition program for low-income pregnant women, infants and children from birth to age 5. All eligible participants will continue to receive WIC benefits and new applicants will be certified and receive benefits.

During the shutdown, all stores will continue to process WIC transactions and will continue to be paid for foods purchased by WIC participants.

The WIC program is currently transitioning from paper-based transactions at grocery stores to plastic card-based transactions (eWIC) making it easier and faster for WIC participants to use their benefits. For more information about eWIC or the WIC program, call Johnson County WIC at 913-826-1302 or 913-477-8330.

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About Johnson County, Kansas

Located in the southwestern quadrant of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region, Johnson County, Kansas is a community of choice with a current population of more than 580,000, making it the most populated of the 105 counties in Kansas, but traditionally having the lowest mill levy in the state. For more information visit the county's website at www.jocogov.org.