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MCHD WIC ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF THE FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR 2017
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The Monongalia County Health Department Women, Infants and Children (MCHD WIC) Program has a long history of distributing Farmers’ Market vouchers. The program will return in 2017 and vouchers will again be available at the Farmers’ Market in Monongalia, Marion, Harrison and Preston Counties.

The goals of the West Virginia Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (WICFMNP) are to supplement WIC participants’ diets with fresh, locally grown produce and to increase the use and awareness of farmers markets. WICFMNP vouchers do not affect the participants current WIC benefits.

To be eligible to receive the vouchers you must be an active participant receiving WIC benefits in the county where the vouchers are being distributed. WIC participants eligible to receive the WV WIC FMNP vouchers are pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women, infants over 6 months, and children up to age 5 years. Vouchers are issued to participants on a first-come, first served basis for as long as the vouchers remain available in each county. This year each WV WICFMNP participant will receive up to two $10.00 booklets with two $5.00 vouchers in each booklet. There is a maximum issuance of $40.00 per family. These vouchers may be spent from July 1 through October 31. Participants must present their eWIC card when receiving Farmers’ Market vouchers. Once the vouchers in each county are exhausted, no additional vouchers will be issued. Eligible participants must use the vouchers to purchase fresh, nutritious, unprepared fruits, vegetables and herbs from participating farmers.

WIC Farmers’ Market vouchers will be issued at the Farmers’ Markets indicated below. Farmers’ Market vouchers may be redeemed at any authorized WV WIC FMNP farmer in the state. All participating farmers are required to display the large orange sign identifying them as a WV WICFMNP vendor.

Schedule for MCHD WIC distribution of WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program vouchers:

**Monongalia County WIC Participants - Saturday, July 1  8:30 am - 12:00 Noon**

Morgantown Farmers’ Market (corner of Spruce and Fayette Street)

415 Spruce Street, Morgantown

*If vouchers remain, they will be distributed on subsequent Saturdays for as long as vouchers are available.*
Marion County WIC Participants - Tuesday, July 11  4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Fairmont Farmers’ Market
Corner of Madison & Adams Streets, Veteran’s Square Parking Lot, Fairmont
*If vouchers remain, they will be distributed on subsequent Tuesdays for as long as vouchers are available.*

Harrison County WIC Participants - Saturday, July 1   9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Clarksburg Farmers’ Market
Tractor Supply Parking Lot on Emily Drive (next to AC Moore), Clarksburg
*If vouchers remain, they will be distributed on subsequent Saturdays for as long as vouchers are available.*

Preston County WIC Participants - Saturday, July 1  9:00 am – 11:00 am
Kingwood Farmers’ Market
McGrew House Lawn, 111 East Main Street, Kingwood
*If vouchers remain, they will be distributed on subsequent Saturdays for as long as vouchers are available.*

For more information, call the MCHD WIC at 1-800-675-5181 or visit the website at [www.mylocalwic.org](http://www.mylocalwic.org)

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