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MCHD WIC ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF THE FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM AND EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE HARRISON AND PRESTON COUNTIES.
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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 in Monongalia County and Marion County. For the first time this year, we will be distributing Farmers’ Market vouchers for WIC participants in Harrison and Preston Counties.

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

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

To be eligible to receive the vouchers you must be a 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 as long as the clinic has vouchers to hand out. Once the vouchers sent to a clinic are exhausted, no additional vouchers will be issued. Eligible participants use the vouchers to purchase fresh, nutritious, unprepared fruits, vegetables and herbs from participating farmers. Participants must present their eWIC card when receiving Farmers’ Market vouchers.

Schedule for Monongalia County Health Department distribution of WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program vouchers:

Monongalia County WIC Participants - Saturday, July 23   8:30 am - 12:00 Noon

Morgantown Farmers’ Market
415 Spruce Street, Morgantown

If vouchers remain, they will be distributed Saturday, July 30   8:30 am - 12:00 Noon.
Marion County WIC Participants - Tuesday, July 26  4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Fairmont Farmers’ Market
Corner of Madison & Adams Streets, Veteran’s Square, Fairmont

If vouchers remain, they will be distributed Tuesday, August 2  4:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Harrison County WIC Participants - Saturday, July 23  9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Clarksburg Farmers’ Market
Tractor Supply Parking Lot, Clarksburg

If vouchers remain, they will be distributed Saturday, July 30  9:00 am-1:00 pm

Preston County WIC Participants - Saturday, July 23  9:00 am – 11:00 am

Kingwood Farmers’ Market
McGrew House Lawn, 111 East Main Street, Kingwood

If vouchers remain, they will be distributed Saturday, July 30  9:00 am-11:00 am

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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