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TO: WIC Coordinators
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SUBJECT: **WIC Policy Update 2020-02**

MAJOR REVISIONS: *Policies with content changes that impact local agency functions. Please review all policies with major revisions.*

490 – Emergency and Disaster Planning and Coordination

- During an emergency or disaster, WIC is not designed or funded to address the nutrition needs of disaster survivors who would not otherwise be eligible to receive WIC benefits.
- WIC's role is to minimize disruptions to WIC operations and to ensure participants continue to receive benefits.
- Local agencies are required to coordinate with the State Agency when there is an event that threatens to or has already interrupted the provision of WIC services to participants for more than 24 business hours.
- Applicants who are disaster related evacuees must be served within 10 days of request (phone or walk-in).
- It is recommended that the local agency have a disaster plan.

WIC policies can be viewed online at:

oregon.gov/OHA/PH/HEALTHYPEOPLEFAMILIES/WIC/Pages/wicpolicy.aspx

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