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PRESS RELEASE - For Immediate Release -

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WIC Services in Sierra County Available by Phone *Benefits Auto-Issued for the month of March.*

Last Thursday evening, Governor Newsom announced statewide stay-at-home orders for all Californians, except certain essential employees and for residents to get necessities, such as food, prescriptions and health care.

WIC services, like many of our County services, are continuing to serve our community during this time, and are considered “essential services” under the Governor’s order. We also understand that the stay-at-home order will be difficult for many of our families in the Loyalton, Sierra Valley and Downieville area. WIC, the Women, Infants, and Children nutrition program, helps pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants, and young children under 5 eat well, be active, and stay healthy, and includes funds for families to purchase healthy foods, as well as individual breastfeeding support for moms. Services are available in English and Spanish.

“At this time, we can provide all WIC services via the phone, including new enrollments. To protect you and our WIC staff, all walk-in WIC clinics have been suspended until further notice.” says Bré Whitley, WIC Coordinator for Sierra County Health & Human Services.

Community members should call their local WIC office to enroll or certify, obtain future food benefits, reschedule, get breastfeeding help, or to get questions answered.

WIC in Sierra County:

Loyalton Office: 530-993-6703

Downieville Office: (please call Loyalton) 530-993-6703

“We also want to share that for families who already have WIC and the WIC electronic benefits via the WIC card, the state has auto-issued one month of benefits and extended some certifications. This means if you have a WIC card, you may already have your benefits pre-loaded.” Whitley stated. Please check your California WIC app for benefits.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your local WIC program at the phone numbers listed above. You can also learn more at CDPH’s state WIC webpage here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DWICSN/Pages/WICCovid19Info.aspx>

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