

Local Agency Reopening Questions

6.1.2020 Questions from Local Agencies

Q: Is PPE an allowable WIC cost?

A: Yes

Q: Will we need to see all **new** participants (infants > 8 weeks old, children, postpartum women, and pregnant women) in person who have **never** been on WIC before, correct?

A: Yes, please refer to policy and the guidance document titled "WIC Local Agency Guidance - Reopening".

Q: If someone has been certified before (like a child), they do **not** need to be present for the recertification, correct?

A: It depends on the situation. Please refer to policy and the guidance document titled "WIC Local Agency Guidance - Reopening".

Q: What about a postpartum (Breastfeeding or Not Breastfeeding) mom who was certified as pregnant, do they have to be present for the postpartum cert?

A: Yes, unless they meet they meet the policy requirements to not be physically present.

Q: What about if someone was certified in the past as pregnant and now they are pregnant again, do they have to be seen physically for the certification?

A. Yes.

Q. Can we start seeing those participants that require an in person appointment prior to when the waivers expire? For example can we see a pregnant woman in person on June 15 if both the staff and the participant are comfortable with it or can we not see anyone face to face until the waivers are no longer in effect?

A: The current USDA waivers, which includes waiving physical presence, are currently effective through June 30, 2020. It is your agency's decision on whether you want to start seeing appointments face-to-face prior to that. If your agency decides to start seeing participants prior to that, all proper precautions should be in place to ensure the safety of staff and participants.

Q. So, looking at who has to come to clinic instead of whose presence can be waived-
Clients who have to come to clinic for cert unless they have a qualifying disability:
Infant over 8 weeks at 1st cert

Infant that did not come to 1st cert

Infant who does not have a Dr

Infant whose parents are not working or disabled

(So an infant who was present for cert at less than 8 weeks would next be required to cert in person at what age/interval?)

Child without Dr

Child that did not come to 1st cert (is that as an infant cert or as a child cert?)

Child of parents who are not working

(So a child who was present for a cert would next be required to cert in person at what interval?)

All women unless they have a disability

A: Please refer to policy and the document titled "WIC Local Agency Guidance - Reopening".