



Happy New Year

from the Virginia WIC Program

Key Events Coming in 2026

- *Revisions to the WIC Food Packages: Spring 2026*
- *Adding & Removing WIC Approved Foods: Spring 2026*
- *Minimum Stock Requirement Changes: Summer 2026*
- *2026 WIC Approved Food List: Spring 2026*
- *WIC Certified Retail Trainer Workshop: Spring 2026*
- *Mandatory Annual Store Training: Summer 2026*
- *Retailer Agreement Re-Authorization: Summer 2026*

More information on these topics will be in the 2026 Spring Retailer Bulletin.

WIC Updates

Revisions to the Food Packages/Adding & Removing WIC-Approved Foods

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service has approved food package changes scheduled for implementation in Spring 2026. [See an overview of the upcoming updates here.](#)

Minimum Stock Requirement Changes

The State WIC Office is preparing the Spring release of the updated Minimum Stock Requirements, which will align with the new food package changes. Authorized retailers will receive advance notice of these updates, along with a grace period to allow time for implementation.

2026 WIC Approved Food List

In addition, the State WIC Office is developing the Spring 2026 edition of the Virginia WIC Food List. This updated version will reflect the approved food package changes.

Training

WIC Certified Retail Trainer Workshop

A WIC Certified Trainer online workshop will be offered in Spring 2026. This workshop is designed to certify corporate chain store employees to conduct Virginia WIC retailer authorization training for the 2026 contract authorization cycle and new store onboarding. Upon successful completion of this two-part training, the certified trainers will be qualified to provide the federally mandated annual training for their WIC-authorized stores.



Please note that this workshop does not fulfill the 2026 annual WIC training requirement and is not intended for individuals who are already authorized as Virginia WIC Certified Retail Trainers. Workshop details, including dates, times, and registration information will be sent directly to corporate primary contacts via email.

Mandatory Annual Store Training

The interactive annual training for WIC-authorized retailers will take place from June through July 2026. In accordance with USDA federal regulation 246.12, each WIC-authorized store must designate a manager or representative to complete this training, which will be scheduled by the Virginia State WIC Office or the retailer's corporate certified trainer. Additional details will be provided in the Spring 2026 Retailer Bulletin.

Retailer Agreement Authorization

Effective September 30, 2026, current retailer agreements for Virginia WIC-authorized retailers will expire. The new contract period will be from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029. All authorized retailers must complete Contract Reauthorization Training and sign a new Retailer Agreement to participate in the new contract period.

What is in your “VA WIC Retail Store Binder”?

Each WIC authorized store is required to have a VA WIC Retail Store Binder in the store in a central location. This binder should be available to the store's staff and during a store monitoring visits by a VA WIC agency representative. Electronic copies of this binder are accepted and can be found at vdh.virginia.gov/wic-retailers/resources.

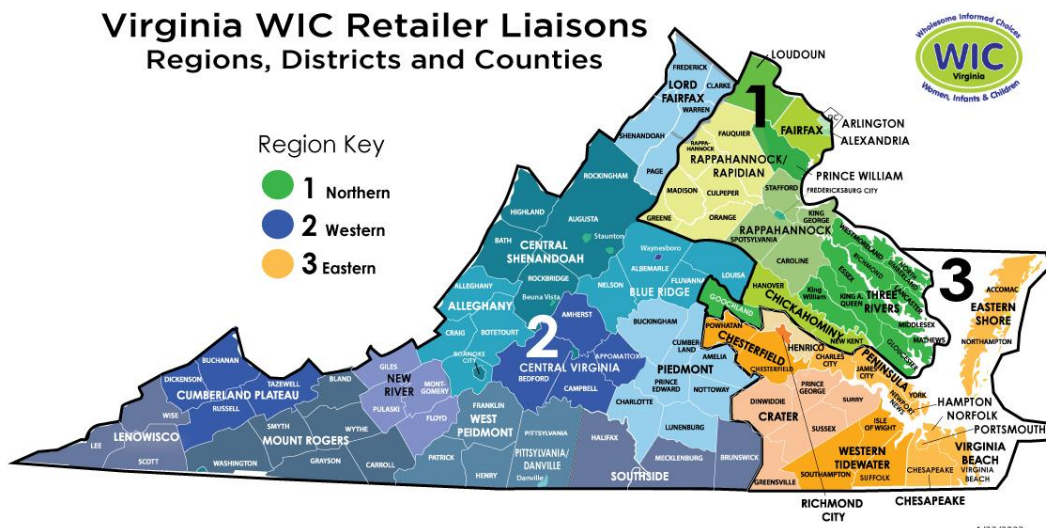
Please check your binder for the following:

1. Current WIC Food List (English & Spanish)
2. WIC Retail Formula Flyer (English & Spanish)
3. VA eWIC Cashier Handbook
4. Vendor Compliance Team Directory
5. Current Retailer Bulletin (optional)
6. Performance Guidelines: Minimum Stocking Requirement
7. Minimum Stocking Requirement-at-glance
8. Authorization for Direct Deposit ACH & EBT Settlement
9. Retailer Complaint & Incident form
10. Virginia WIC Retail Store Manual
11. UPC Update Request Form

For your convenience, these documents can be printed from vdh.virginia.gov/wic-retailers/resources. Or use the Retailer Supply form to order these documents from State WIC Office (SWO).

**Binder covers may vary, and all colors are accepted*







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[WIC Retailer Homepage](#)

[WIC Retailer Resources](#)

[2024 Approved Food List](#)

[Current Approved Product List](#)
(under Store and Supplemental
Food Info section)

[Vendor Team Directory](#)

[Commonwealth of Virginia WIC
Regulations](#)

[Retailer Incident/Complaint form
WIC #387](#)

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[Retailer Supply Request Form
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