



**ALBEMARLE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
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**WIC PROGRAM BEGINS REMOTE SERVICES DUE TO COVID-19**

ELIZABETH CITY, N.C. – The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program offered through Albemarle Regional Health Services local health departments is providing full services without participants having to visit the office due to COVID-19.

The WIC program is accepting applications, completing certifications, and issuing benefits by phone. The United States Department of Agriculture has granted the North Carolina Nutrition Services Branch a waiver for the requirement of physical presence due to COVID-19.

The WIC program has been granted the ability to defer certain requirements used to determine nutritional risk, such as height, weight and hemoglobin for a short period of time.

These special measures have been approved for use in North Carolina through May 31, however this date may be subject to change.

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WIC continues to offer breastfeeding support and supplies as needed.

For more information about WIC services and other clinical programs offered at Albemarle

Regional Health Services please contact your local health department:

**Pasquotank County – 252.338.4440**

**Perquimans County - 252.426.2100**

**Camden County – 252.338.4460**

**Chowan County – 252.482.6003**

**Currituck County – 252.232.2271**

**Bertie County – 252.794-5322**

**Gates County - 252.357.1380**

**Hertford County – 252.862.4054**

ARHS encourages the community to visit the following websites for information about COVID-19.

Albemarle Regional Health Services - <http://www.arhs-nc.org/>

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/>

Center for Disease Control - <https://www.cdc.gov/>

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