

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners and Professionals,

SUBJECT: Invitation for Collaboration - WIC Vendor Rule Listening Session and Workshop

In alignment with <u>Chapter 43.376 RCW</u>, the Washington State <u>Centennial Accord of 1989</u>, and <u>DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure</u>, we invite you to attend an upcoming tribal listening session and participate in a workshop on how changes to the <u>Women, Infants and Children (WIC) vendor rules</u> could affect tribal people and communities.

**Listening Session:** Share comments on the challenges and barriers of participating as a WIC vendor.

Monday, August 12, 2024 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Zoom Meeting Link - Please Register

Workshop: Review the draft rules language and communicate any concerns or feedback.

Monday, September 9, 2024 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Zoom Meeting Link - Please Register

Please direct written comments or requests for additional information to Senior Policy Analyst, Karen Mullen, at <a href="mailto:karen.mullen@doh.wa.gov">karen.mullen@doh.wa.gov</a> or 360-515-8279. You may also contact Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations Executive Director, Candice Wilson-Quatz'teanut, at <a href="mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov">candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov</a> or 360-819-7626.

Sincerely,

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