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Healthy Summer Meals for Kids and Families at NET Health WIC Clinics

Tyler, Texas (June 17, 2019) – Children 18 and under are welcome to join NET Health at lunchtime for a free lunch during the Summer Food Program at both Tyler WIC locations (815 N. Broadway and 225 E. Amherst) and at our WIC clinics in Athens, Canton, Palestine, Jacksonville, Henderson, and Marshall.

WIC is hoping to offer meals and snacks to children as they come in for appointments during summer months. A snack is also provided from 1pm until 3pm each day. A WIC employee will facilitate lunch and snack each day, and even include some games or activities most days. Attendance is free and the free Summer Food Program will be at our WIC clinics every Monday through Friday until August 16th.

“Since many kids depend on school meals, these lunches will help bridge the gap for parents who struggle to feed active kids who are home during those long summer days,” says Jennifer Lassiter, Assistant Director of the NET Health WIC Program. “For families who aren’t familiar with WIC, joining in at lunch time will allow families time to learn about our services provided to families with children under the age of five years old.”

The Farmers’ Market of East Texas and Rose City Farmers’ Market also operate at our WIC locations on Thursdays in June and July. These markets are open to the community, and families who qualify for WIC may also be eligible to receive voucher booklets to use at the local farmers’ markets. WIC will issue the booklets on Thursdays from 8:30am until 12:00 p.m. On Saturdays, visit the regular market locations for booklets at the times and locations noted below.

- WIC Farmers’ Market – Thursdays in June & July at both Tyler WIC locations from 8:30am until noon
- Farmers’ Market of East Texas – open Saturdays for voucher booklets 7am until 1pm. at 2112 W. Front Street (within the East Texas Fair Grounds Pavilion)
- Rose City Farmers’ Market – open Saturdays for voucher booklets 8am until noon at 302 S. Broadway Ave. (parking lot by Unclaimed Furniture)

A variety of colorful produce in your diet means naturally adding antioxidants and vitamins that you may not get otherwise. Many fruits and veggies have fiber as well and a water content that helps keep you hydrated in the hot summer months. WIC is excited to offer families the option to feed their children during the summertime and provide farmers’ market voucher booklets to help stock your pantry with produce.

For more information on these summer events, contact WIC offices at (903) 593 - 8331.

About the Northeast Texas Public Health District (NET Health)

NET Health serves a vital function through our Departments of Immunizations, Tuberculosis Control, Laboratory Services, Vital Statistics, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Disease Surveillance, Environmental Health, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) & Community Outreach.

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