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NORTHEAST TEXAS PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

Farmers Market Every Thursday Morning at NET Health's WIC Clinic in North Tyler Tyler, Texas (June 8, 2022)

Every Thursday morning through the end of August, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., NET Health is operating the Farmers Market at our Tyler NET Health WIC location at 815 North Broadway Avenue. NET Health is a recipient of the Farmers Market Nutrition Program, whose goals are to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to WIC-eligible families who are given vouchers that can be redeemed at TDA-certified farmers markets in Texas and to support local farmers to increase their ability to provide locally grown fresh produce to underserved communities.

"A healthy lifestyle is based on making informed food choices according to your individual health and nutrient needs," says Tecora Smith, Director of the NET Health Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program. "Farmers markets being held at our north Tyler WIC clinic will help foster healthy relationships between our participants and local farmers, expanding the access of fruits and vegetables throughout the Tyler area and improving the overall health of our citizens."

The Farmers Market held every Thursday morning is open to the public and anyone can come to the Farmers Market and purchase produce at either of these farmers markets, and customers are advised to be prepared to purchase their produce with cash. WIC-eligible families will receive their produce vouchers at the WIC clinic on North Broadway Avenue and can then redeem those vouchers at the farmers market that will be available.

"Parents who receive the vouchers can utilize them if they travel to a different city for personal or business reasons, which makes participation within our Farmers Market Nutrition Program even easier," continues Smith. The vouchers can also be redeemed at any certified Farmers Market throughout Texas, such as the Farmers Market of East Texas that operates every Saturday morning under the East Texas State Fairgrounds Pavilion, and at the Rose City Farmers Market that operates every Saturday morning at the East Texas Brewery in downtown Tyler.

For more information, contact the NET Health WIC office at (903) 592 - 7635.

About the Northeast Texas Public Health District (NET Health)

NET Health serves a vital function of promoting health, preventing illness, and protecting our communities 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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