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NEWS RELEASE

Department of Public Health to Temporarily Close Fort Bliss WIC Site for Technology Upgrade

EL PASO, Texas – The Department of Public Health will close the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Fort Bliss site from July 3 to July 6 in order to upgrade technology for the new automated system.

The new system will replace a multitude of paper forms, significantly reduce paperwork for WIC clients and offer easy access to participant records at different locations due to easy data transferability. Clientele from the Fort Bliss location will be served at the Pershing WIC site located at 3707 Pershing Drive.

People seeking to enroll in WIC can call (915) 212-4942 for services within El Paso. WIC provides nutrition education to pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, women who have given birth in the last six months and children up to age five who have nutrition health-related problems as well as medical/social service referrals and food benefits. Single fathers, grandparents and foster parents are also eligible for WIC services for their children.

Healthy foods provided to WIC clients include cereals, eggs, milk, juice, fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, cheese, formula for infants not breastfeeding. Clients also receive personalized nutrition counseling, breastfeeding education and support, and referrals to other health and social services. WIC's goal is to reduce premature births, low birth weight, the fetal death rate and long-term medical expenses.

For more information, call the Department of Public Health WIC program at (915) 212-4942.

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