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To: All WIC Coordinators, Sponsors, and Staff
From: Nancy Scott Rosato, PhD, Interim WIC Director
Subject: Government Shutdown and WIC Services

Reply to the Attention of: NJWIC # 019-008

The Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is experiencing an orderly partial shutdown of operations. This means that many FNS staff will be furloughed pending reinstatement of funding by Congress and will not be available by phone or email. However, this is only at the Federal level and does not affect State WIC services. **New Jersey WIC will continue with its normal work functions.**

This lapse of appropriations will not impact the availability of the administrative and food funding already allocated to WIC State agencies. WIC State agencies have sufficient funds to continue operations and eligible households should continue to receive benefits. Please inform all WIC participants that they should continue with their WIC appointments and use WIC benefits as needed.

The State WIC office will keep you apprised of any changes to this and will share all USDA-FNS correspondence immediately.

Thank you for your continued dedication to serving the Women, Infants and Children in New Jersey. If you have any questions, please contact the WIC State Office at (609) 292-9560.