

NEW SECTION

**WAC 388-437-0005 Changes to food assistance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.** Starting March 2020, assistance units (AUs) eligible for either federal or state-funded food assistance, or both, will receive emergency allotments that bring the AU up to the maximum benefit for their household size.

(1) The amount is the maximum food assistance benefit allotment for your AU size under WAC 388-478-0060(1) less the amount received under WAC 388-450-0162(4)(b).

(2) Emergency allotments will continue each month until:

(a) The secretary for health and human services rescinds the public health emergency declaration that was issued on January 27, 2020, under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act;

(b) The state-issued emergency or disaster declaration expires;  
or

(c) The food and nutrition service directs otherwise.

(3) Emergency allotments for state-funded food assistance will continue each month, contingent on the availability of state funds.