

ATTENTION! Similac Powder Formula Recall

Abbott Recall Information for WIC Participants

Abbott has issued a recall for Similac powder formulas manufactured in Sturgis, Michigan.

The following Abbott formulas are produced in Sturgis, MI and are affected by the recall:

- 12.6 oz Total Comfort powder
- 12.5 oz Similac for Spit Up powder
- All EleCare powder Infant and Jr
- All Alimentum powder
- Similac PM 60/40 powder (one lot added to recall on February 28, 2022)

The following Abbott formulas are produced in Sturgis, MI as well as other plants and are partially affected by the recall:

- 12.5 oz Similac Sensitive powder
- 12.4 oz Similac Advance powder

The following Abbott formulas are <u>not</u> affected by the recall (not produced at Sturgis, MI plant):

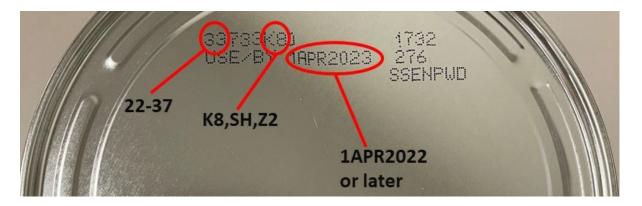
- Isomil
- NeoSure
- All concentrated liquids and ready to feeds

What to do

Visit <u>www.similacrecall.com</u> or call 1-800-986-8540 to find out if your formula is included.

Products are included in the recall if they have all three items below:

- the first two digits of the code are 22 through 37, and
- the code on the container contains K8, SH, or Z2, and
- the expiration date is 4-1-2022 (APR 2022) or later.



At this time, Similac PM 60/40 with lot code 27032K80 (can) / 27032K800 (case) are the only type and lots of this formula being recalled.

DO NOT feed your baby formula if it is included in this recall.

Do not throw out any cans of recalled formula. They will be needed to receive a replacement. **Keep them in a safe place but do not use them.**

Options to replace recalled formula:

- Return to Grocery Store: WIC participants with recalled cans of formula, regardless of type, should bring the recalled cans to the store and ask for an exchange. Retailers are working hard to update their inventory in response to this recall. You do not need to identify yourself as a WIC participant.
- Return to Abbott: Go to www.similacrecall.com or call 1-800-986-8540 for a refund or replacement.
- Return to WIC: Return the recalled formula to your <u>local WIC office</u>. The staff will
 reissue your benefits so you can purchase a similar, available formula with your
 WIC card.

Contact your Health Care Provider: If you cannot exchange your formula for the type you are feeding your baby, or you are concerned about what formula is right for your baby, talk to your pediatrician or healthcare provider to find another safe feeding option.

SNAP/3SquaresVT Recipients: If you participate in SNAP/3sqauresVT you can use those benefits to purchase available formula.

Feeding a mix of breastmilk and formula? If you are partially breastfeeding and would like help increasing your milk supply to reduce the amount of formula your baby receives, call your <u>local WIC office</u>, call or text your breastfeeding peer counselor, or contact your local lactation consultant. Many of the local lactation consultants offer telehealth consults. Find a list of local breastfeeding resources on our <u>website</u>.

To make more milk, you need to empty your breasts more frequently. Some suggestions to increase milk supply include:

- Offer the breast frequently, at least 10-12 times in 24 hours.
- Pump after most feedings at the breast
- Use hand expression and hands-on pumping to maximize milk production. See videos and information on FirstDroplets.com
- Call or text your Breastfeeding Peer Counselor! They're there for you!

Please note that it is unsafe to overdilute formula, make homemade infant formula, or use regular cow's milk, goat milk or milk substitutes to feed infants. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends feeding infants iron-fortified infant formula during the first year of life when human milk is not available.

We understand that is a challenging situation and is affecting many families across the country. We are working hard to find solutions that work for families.

Participants should reach out to their <u>local WIC office</u> with questions. Participants can also reach out by email to <u>wic@vermont.gov</u>.

Read the full recall: www.fna.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/fda-investigation-cronobacter-and-salmonella-complaints-powdered-infant-formula-february-2022 and find more information on infant formula safety: www.fns.usda.gov/ofs/infant-formula-safety

This letter is important. If you do not understand it, take it to your local office for help.

Arabic

هذه رسالة مهمة. إذا كنت لا تفهم نصها فعليك أن تأخذها إلى المكتب المحلى التابع له لمساعدتك فيها.

Burmese

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Chinese

这封信函事关重大。如果您不能理解其中内容,请将其携带至您所在地办事处以寻求帮助。

Dinka

Athore athieekic. Na cii ye deetic,ke laare tenne maktam thiaak ke yin bi yin la kuɔ̈ny thin.

French

Ce document est important. Si vous ne le comprenez pas, apportez-le à votre bureau local pour recevoir de l'aide.

Nenali

यो दस्तावेज महत्त्वपूर्ण छ। यदि तपाईले यसलाई बुझ्नुभएन भने, मद्दतको लागि यसलाई आफ्नो स्थानीय कार्यालयमा लिएर जानुहोस।

Russian

Это важное письмо. Если вам оно непонятно, возьмите его и обратитесь за помощью в местное отделение.

Serbo-Croatian

Ovaj dopis je važan. Ukoliko je nerazumljiv za vas onda ga ponesite i obratite se lokalnoj kancelariji za pomoć.

Somali

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Spanish

Esta carta es importante. Si no la entiende, llévela a su oficina local para solicitar ayuda.

Swahili

Barua hii ni muhimu. Kama huielewi, ichukue, uende nayo katika ofisi yako ya karibu kwa msaada zaidi.

Vietnamese

Laù thö naøy raát quan troïng. Neáu quyù vò khoâng hieåu noäi dung trong ñoù, haøy ñem thö naøy ñeán vaên phoøng taïi ñòa phöông cuûa quyù vò ñeå ñöôïc giuùp ñôõ.