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BLAST COMMUNICATION

FDA Voluntary Recall: Abbott Nutrition Powdered Alimentum and Elecare Infant Formulas

Dear Colleague,

The Food and Drug Administration announced yesterday (February 17, 2022: [FDA advisory](#)), an investigation of an outbreak of Cronobacter sakazakii and Salmonella Newport infections in 4 infants across 3 states (Texas, Ohio, Minnesota) that have been linked to Similac Alimentum, and EleCare Powdered Formulas produced in Abbott Nutrition's Sturgis, Michigan facility.

Cronobacter sakazakii is commonly found in the environment and a variety of areas in the home. It can cause fever, poor feeding, excessive crying or low energy as well as other serious symptoms. It's important to follow the instructions for proper preparation, handling and storage of powder formulas.

Recommendations

The FDA is advising consumers not to use recalled Similac, Alimentum, or EleCare Powdered Infant Formulas. Recalled products can be identified by the 7 to 9 digit code and expiration date on the bottom of the package (see image below). 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.

This recall does not include liquid formula products. Consumers should continue to use all product not included in the recall.

Because of this recall and recent supply issues, families may be reaching out to pediatricians for guidance if they are having difficulty finding formula. We encourage pediatricians to: 1. re-evaluate medical need for special formulas, 2. and/or recommend liquid forms of these formulas 3. and/or offer alternate hydrolyzed and amino acid elemental formulas. The Georgia AAP is also working with Georgia WIC to ensure formulas that are Georgia WIC approved in these categories are available and can be prescribed through the WIC program. Georgia WIC formulas [resources](#) are available including the Georgia WIC Approved Formula Formulary and the Infant Formula Algorithm and Resource Guide.

If you have any questions regarding this blast communication, please contact Kyla Crane, RDN, LD at kcrane@gaaap.org.

Sincerely,

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