Abbott Recalls Powdered Infant Formula from Single Manufacturing Site

Abbott Nutrition announced a voluntary recall of infant powdered formula manufactured at their Sturgis facility in Michigan, including Similac, Alimentum, and EleCare. This recall comes after four consumer complaints related to Cronobacter sakazakii and Salmonella. Parents and caregivers of infants who have used these products and have concerns about their child’s health should contact the child’s health care provider.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) alerted consumers to avoid purchasing and using infant powdered formula from Abbott Nutrition’s Sturgis, Michigan facility. The FDA is also investigating these consumer complaints of infections and has initiated an onsite inspection of the facility.

The FDA is advising consumers not to use Similac, Alimentum, or Elecare powdered infant formulas if the following is included in the product’s lot number:

- 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.

Affected products include:

- All 12.6 oz Total Comfort Powder
- All 12.5 oz Similac for Spit Up Powder
- All EleCare powder- infant and junior
- All Alimentum powder
- Some 12.5 oz Similac Sensitive powder
- Some 12.4 oz Similac Advance powder

Abbott has also developed a web-based tool to determine if the consumer’s product was included in this recall. Consumers can click here to check their product’s lot number, located at the bottom of their product.

Please note that this is a targeted recall and does not affect all Abbott products. The recall does not include liquid formula products or any metabolic deficiency nutrition formulas. The FDA states that consumers should continue to use all products not covered by the advisory. As NWA and WIC providers have consistently echoed during the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA advises parents and caregivers to never dilute infant formula and to never make or feed homemade infant formula to infants.

Thus far, consumer complaints included four instances of infant illnesses across
three states, including Minnesota, Ohio, and Texas. In all four cases, infants were hospitalized and Cronobacter may have contributed to death in one case. Abbott product manufactured in Michigan was distributed across the country.

Cronobacter bacteria can cause life-threatening infections like sepsis or meningitis. Symptoms may include poor feeding, irritability, temperature changes, jaundice, grunting breaths and abnormal movements. Salmonella are a group of bacteria that can cause gastrointestinal illness and symptoms like diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps.

**Oregon Health Authority Request Providers to Report Cases**

Please email Rosalie Trevejo ([Rosalie.trevejo2@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:Rosalie.trevejo2@dhsoha.state.or.us)) to report cases of infants with laboratory-confirmed *Cronobacter sakazakii* infection.

FDA is not currently seeking formula samples for testing.

**List of Replacement Formula**

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**Jackson County Public Health After-Hours Phone Number Update**

The Jackson County Public Health after-hours phone number has been updated. To contact Jackson County Public Health outside of regular business hours, call 541-526-9251. If someone is calling Jackson County Public Health at 541-774-8029, the after-hours number is provided on the phone tree message.

**2022 Recommended Immunization Schedules**

The 2022 ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedules have been released. In collaboration with their healthcare partners, CDC has updated versions of the recommended U.S. immunization schedules for children and teens as well as for adults.

Several additional formats of the schedules, including parent-friendly versions, are available on the newly redesigned and improved [CDC Immunization Schedules](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/professionals/immediate-actions-for-providers/schedules-standards.html).
Provider Survey on Congenital Syphilis

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) STD Program recently issued a HAN Alert regarding year-over-year increases in syphilis diagnoses among pregnant people and infants in Oregon.

There were 28 cases of congenital syphilis in 2021 (preliminary data as of 12/30/2021), an increase from 19 cases in 2020. Oregon counties that have never seen a case of congenital syphilis are now receiving reports of babies born with syphilis.

Jackson County is among the counties seeing an increase in congenital syphilis with a record-breaking 6 cases in 2020. Jackson County had 6 cases of congenital syphilis in 2020. This is compared to 2 total congenital syphilis cases in the previous 10 years.

The OHA STD Program endeavors to design educational materials and training programs for prenatal care providers. We kindly ask that you complete a brief, 5-minute survey about syphilis-related experiences in your practice. The survey is anonymous, and your answers cannot be traced back to information that identifies you.

Please find the survey here.

COVID-19 Treatments

People who test positive for COVID-19 and have one or more health conditions that increase their risk of becoming very sick are encouraged to contact their healthcare provider right away after a positive test to determine if they are eligible for treatment and which treatment is most appropriate.

Treatments approved and authorized for emergency use by the FDA:

**Injectable Treatments:**
- Remdesivir
- Evusheld (mAb)
- Sotrovimab (mAb)

**Oral Treatments:**
- Molnupiravir
- Paxlovid

For the oral treatments, Paxlovid and Molnupiravir, electronic prescriptions can be sent to the Asante pharmacies in Medford and Grants Pass. A specific Paxlovid order form needs to be filled out and sent to the Asante Pharmacy. Click on the link to access the form online.

Patients should not enter the pharmacy. Upon arrival, they should call wait in their cars, and a pharmacy tech will deliver the medication to them. It is vital that you ensure the patient fully qualifies for treatment before writing the prescription—see details below.
The pharmacist may need to consult with you, so please remain available for a phone call.

- Asante Rogue Regional Pharmacy. (541) 789-5850. 2900 E Barnett, Medford.

For the IV monoclonal antibody treatment, Sotrovimab, patients can be sent to the Rogue Regional Medical Center and Three Rivers Medical Center Emergency Departments. Again, please ensure that your patient qualifies for treatment before sending them.

- RRMC ED: (541) 789-7000. 2825 E Barnett Rd, Medford.
- TRMC ED: (541) 472-7000. 500 SW Ramsey Ave, Grants Pass.

Access the HHS decision guide for determining the outpatient therapeutic treatment of COVID-19.

Training & Conferences

- **Clinical STD Update (mini-series):** this is a two, one-half-day didactic series which provides registered participants with training in the most recent advancements in epidemiology, diagnosis, and management of viral and bacterial STDs. CME/CNE is offered for this class.
  
  **When:** March 23 & 24, 2022, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
  
  **Cost:** $75
  
  **Platform:** Live online via Zoom
  
  **Registration:** Pre-enrollment by March 18th is required. [Courses.nnptc.org](http://Courses.nnptc.org)

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