Formula Recall Information for WIC Participants

Consumers should not use certain powder formulas produced by Abbott, including Similac, Alimentum, and EleCare.

The following powdered formulas are affected:

- Similac Total Comfort powder
- Similac for Spit Up powder
- All EleCare Infant and Jr. powder
- All Alimentum powder
- Similac Sensitive powder
- Similac Advance powder

The following formulas are not affected:

- Similac Soy Isomil powder
- Similac Neosure powder
- All concentrated liquids and ready-to-feed

See FDA website for full recall notice.

The recall is due to a bacteria found at an Abbott facility that can cause infection in infants. The FDA is investigating complaints of Cronobacter sakazakii and Salmonella Newport infections related to the formula.

If you have used a recalled formula and your child shows signs of illness, such as fever, along with poor feeding, crying, or very low energy, call your child's health care provider and seek medical care right away.

What should you do?

Determine if you have the formula.

1. Check the code on the bottom of the can.

The product has been recalled if:

- 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 April 1, 2022, or later.
- Visit Similacrecall.com to find out if your formula has been recalled.
Next steps if you have the formula

1. Return the product to the store.
   - You may return recalled formula, including open cans, to any WIC-approved store, regardless of where it was purchased.
   - Each store should have a process for returning recalled products, such as an exchange for the same product.
   - It is not necessary to identify the formula as a WIC purchase.
   - If the store will not accept your return, please call 1-800-222-2189 or email dewicprogram@delaware.gov.

You have formula benefits on your WIC eWIC Card:

1. Determine if your formula is affected by the recall. Visit Similacrecall.com to find out if your formula has been recalled.

2. For **affected** formulas, contact your WIC clinic. If you’ve been to the store, it will be helpful for your WIC clinic to know if your local store has the same formula in another form, such as concentrated liquid or ready-to-feed.

3. For formulas **not affected**, ask store staff for help if you can't find your formula on the shelf. If the store tells you that it is not available, contact your WIC clinic.

If you have Similac Alimentum, EleCare or Elecare Jr. benefits:

1. Your health care provider can help find a similar formula that meets your child's needs. Ask them to send a new WIC Food/Formula Request to your WIC clinic.

2. WIC staff will then add your new formula to your benefits and help you find it.

Important Note:

Please contact your **WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor** for assistance with any breastfeeding needs.