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### Health Department Statement Regarding Abbott Nutrition Powdered Infant Formula Product Recall

On February 17, 2022, the FDA announced an investigation into consumer complaints of *Cronobacter sakazakii* and *Salmonella* Newport infections related to consumption of select Abbott Nutrition powdered infant formula products. The announcement came with an advisory to the public to avoid purchasing or using certain products. Following this announcement, Abbott Nutrition announced a voluntary, proactive recall of select powdered infant formula products, including Similac, Alimentum, and Elecare. The recall affected only products originating in Abbott's Sturgis, Michigan facility; this recall does not affect any other formula products, such liquid formula products.

Abbott Nutrition has released instructions on how to determine whether a particular product is subject to this recall notice and has created a product recall tool that can be found on their website: [similacreCALL.com/us/en/product-lookup.html](https://similacreCALL.com/us/en/product-lookup.html)

The FDA advises that recalled products may also be identified by the 7 to 9 digit code and expiration date on the bottom of the package. 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

In addition to products described above, Abbott Nutrition has also recalled Similac 60/40 with a lot code 27032K80 (can) / 27032K800 (case).

The Health Department advises any consumers of powdered infant formula products to check the product lot numbers and to immediately discontinue use if the product falls under the recall. *Cronobacter* infections are rare but can be deadly to infants. Consumption of the recalled products has so far included four reports of *Cronobacter* infection and one report of *Salmonella* Newport infection in infants.

For any users of WIC, the USDA has granted extra flexibilities in order to exchange potentially contaminated products for safe ones. A list of WIC substitutions can be found on the Health Department's website.