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EHS Circular Letter 2022-16

To: Local Directors of Health
Certified Food Inspectors
Interested Parties

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Date: March 7, 2022

Subject: Complaints Related to Infant Formula Recall

FDA has publicized the recall of specific types of infant formula produced by Abbott Nutrition in their Sturgis, Minnesota facility - Similac, Alimentum, or EleCare powdered infant formulas - due to the apparent association with illness from *Cronobacter sakazakii* and *Salmonella* Newport in 4 infants with 2 deaths. Because *Cronobacter* infection is a very serious illness in infants, it is important that any complaints received concerning possible illness from infant formula be referred to the Food Protection Program.

FDA has provided specific instructions regarding the criteria for testing infant formula that is suspected to have caused illness related to the recalled product. Details on the recalled product can be found on FDA's website: <https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/fda-investigation-cronobacter-and-salmonella-complaints-powdered-infant-formula-february-2022>

Information on the illnesses currently attributed to this product is available on CDC's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/cronobacter/outbreaks/infant-formula.html>

It is important to note that this is an ongoing investigation and therefore it is likely that details about illnesses related to infant formula and the specific types of infant formula may change.

If local health departments have questions concerning this recall, contact the FPP at 860-509-7297 or DPH.FoodProtProg@ct.gov.

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