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Dear Providers:

On November 17, 2023, the Connecticut Department of Public Health sent out [an alert](#) to bring to your attention the recall of certain cinnamon applesauce products due to elevated levels of lead found in the products. The federal recall was for Wanabana cinnamon apple sauce, Schnucks brand cinnamon apple sauce, and Weis brand cinnamon apple sauce.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health seeks your continued assistance with:

- **reminding** parents to stop using these recalled applesauce products immediately and discard them;
- **providing** parents with lead poisoning prevention educational information since most children have no obvious or immediate symptoms of lead exposure;
- **counseling** parents who believe that a child may have been exposed to lead on blood lead testing;
- **educating families and caregivers** that any recalled applesauce pouches remaining in homes, daycares, or other environments involving children need to be immediately discarded; and
- **screening children annually** for lead levels.

At this time the recalled product is no longer available for purchase, but we want to remind you that there is the possibility that the product is still in the homes of children and efforts should continue to screen to determine if the recalled cinnamon apple sauce product was consumed.

Our modeling analysis found that ingestion of just one pouch per day for a period of weeks to months has the potential to cause elevated blood lead levels above 3.5 micrograms per deciliter in children of any age below 7 years. As of January 24, 2023, there are nine elevated blood lead cases in Connecticut associated with the recalled applesauce products. The recalled apple sauce is a suspected contributing factor to the elevated blood lead levels but may not be the only lead exposure for these cases.

Testing of the recalled products also found high levels of chromium. For more information on chromium in the recalled products and recommendations for clinicians, please refer to the CDC's information on [lead and chromium in applesauce pouches](#).

We appreciate your continued work on this recall and providing parents with needed educational information.



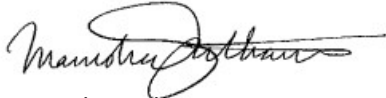
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Any questions can be directed to Connecticut DPH Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (860) 509-7299. More information can be found at the [Centers for Disease Control](#).

Sincerely,



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