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STATE HEALTH OFFICER

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Dear Alabama WIC Participant:

Alabama's WIC Program was notified the evening of February 17, 2022, that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a Public Health Advisory for powdered formulations of Similac[®], Alimentum[®], and EleCare[®]. These formulas were manufactured by Abbott Nutrition in their Sturgis, Michigan facility. According to our records, you may have been issued a potentially affected product by the WIC program.

Abbott Nutrition is voluntarily recalling these products after four consumer complaints related to *Cronobacter sakazakii* or *Salmonella* Newport in infants who had consumed powder infant formula manufactured in this facility. No distributed product has tested positive for the presence of either of these bacteria; however, routine testing is ongoing. As a proactive measure, the FDA is advising consumers not to use Similac[®], Alimentum[®], and EleCare[®] powdered infant formulas if:

- the first two digits of the code are 22 through 37 and
- the code on the container contains K8, SH, pr Z2, and
- the expiration date is 4-1-2022 (APR 2022) or later.

A picture of potentially affected product codes and where the code is printed on the product packaging is included with this letter. Products that do not contain the information listed above are not impacted by the advisory released on February 17, 2022. This advisory is for powder formulas only and does not contain other physical formulations such as liquid concentrate or ready-to-feed. This recall does not include any metabolic deficiency nutrition formulas. More information is available on FDA's website and Abbott's Similac Recall website listed below:

- <https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/fda-investigation-cronobacter-and-salmonella-complaints-powdered-infant-formula-february-2022>
- <https://www.similacrecall.com/us/en/home.html>

If you have any of the affected formula, return the formula to the retailer (store) or WIC clinic where you obtained the product. Please understand available inventory may be limited. If you are unable to complete an exchange, WIC will arrange a reasonable substitute in coordination with your medical provider.

If you have questions or need assistance in locating the product code, please contact Abbott Nutrition Consumer Relations at 1-800-986-8540.

Sincerely,

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