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STATE HEALTH OFFICER

February 18, 2022

Dear Alabama WIC Vendor:

Re: PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY FOR CERTAIN ABBOTT NUTRITION FORMULA PRODUCTS

On February 17, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a Public Health Advisory for powdered formulations of Similac<sup>®</sup>, Alimentum<sup>®</sup>, and EleCare<sup>®</sup> Abbott Nutrition formulas that may be in your WIC product inventory. These formulas were manufactured by Abbott Nutrition in their Sturgis, Michigan facility. The FDA issued the advisory to alert consumers to avoid purchasing or using potentially affected Similac<sup>®</sup>, Alimentum<sup>®</sup>, and EleCare<sup>®</sup> powdered formulas which may be contaminated with *Cronobacter sakazakii* or *Salmonella* Newport bacteria. Hospitalizations and possible death may occur from consumption of these potentially contaminated products.

FDA is advising consumers not to use Similac<sup>®</sup>, Alimentum<sup>®</sup>, and EleCare<sup>®</sup> powdered 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.

The code is printed on the product packaging near the expiration date (see enclosed product image).

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>

Remove from inventory and contact your local WIC clinic or call the State WIC Office at the toll-free number, 1-888-942-4673, if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Similac®, Alimentum®, and EleCare®  
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