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Infant Formula Recall from Abbott Nutrition's Sturgis, Mi Facility
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Background: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and multiple state health departments to investigate multiple *Cronobacter sakazakii* cases potentially linked to infant formula. As part of this investigation, CDC and MDHHS are collecting information on *Cronobacter sakazakii* cases among infants who consumed powdered infant formula in the 10 days before illness onset. Onset dates of concern range from November 2020 to present.

Call for Cases: **The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Communicable Disease Division is asking health care providers to report the occurrence of *Cronobacter sakazakii* infections, including presentations of meningitis, in infants who have consumed powered infant formula.** Please report any identified cases to your local health department and MDHHS by entering the case into the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS) under the reportable condition "Meningitis - Bacterial Other" using the outbreak name "Abbott Formula 02/22". Non-meningitis *Cronobacter* infections in infants can also be entered under the "Meningitis - Bacterial Other" condition, using the same outbreak name, and selecting the most appropriate option for the "Type of Infection Caused by Organism" field. Alternatively, please report any cases by contacting the MDHHS Communicable Disease Division at 517-335-8165.

Clinicians with a suspected or confirmed infant case should direct the family or household to stop using their powdered infant formula product, but to retain it for evaluation for possible testing. Clinicians should include this information in reporting the case to public health.

For more information, visit the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/cronobacter/index.html

Product Recall and FDA Consumer Advisory – Infant Formula:

On February 17, 2022 FDA issued a Consumer Advisory regarding the investigation of four consumer complaints of infant illness related to products from Abbott Nutrition's Sturgis, MI facility received from 9/6/2021 to 12/18/2021. All cases are reported to have consumed powdered infant formula produced from Abbott Nutrition's Sturgis, MI facility. These complaints include three reports of *Cronobacter sakazakii* infections and one report of *Salmonella* Newport infection in infants. All four cases related to these complaints were hospitalized and *Cronobacter* may have contributed to a death in one case. FDA is issuing this advisory to alert consumers to avoid purchasing or using certain powdered infant formula produced in the Sturgis, MI facility.

The FDA is advising consumers not to use Similac, Alimentum or 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, or Z2, and
- the expiration date is 4-1-2022 (APR 2022) or later.

Additional information on the recall and affected products can be found in the FDA Consumer Advisory and the Abbott Nutrition recall posting:

https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/fda-investigation-cronobacter-and-salmonella-complaints-powdered-infant-formula-february-2022

https://abbott.mediaroom.com/2022-02-17-Abbott-Voluntarily-Recalls-Powder-Formulas-Manufactured-at-One-Plant