

## ALERT

Recall on **Similac**, **Alimentum**,  
and **EleCare** Powdered Formulas.

Abbott has recalled several Similac brand formulas due to potential contamination. The recall helps to safeguard infants from exposure to Cronobacter and Salmonella bacteria that could impact infant health and development.

### **Symptoms to watch for:** from the **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

Cronobacter bacteria can cause severe, life-threatening infections (sepsis) or meningitis (an inflammation of the membranes that protect the brain and spine). Symptoms of sepsis and meningitis may include poor feeding, irritability, temperature changes, jaundice (yellow skin and whites of the eyes), grunting breaths and abnormal movements. Cronobacter infection may also cause bowel damage & may spread through the blood to other parts of the body.

Salmonella bacteria can cause gastrointestinal illness and fever called salmonellosis. Most people with salmonellosis develop diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps. More severe cases of salmonellosis may include a high fever, aches, headaches, lethargy, a rash, blood in the urine or stool, and in some cases, may become fatal.

**Many WIC participants may be impacted by this recall since the Nebraska WIC Program has a contract with Abbott Nutrition for Similac brand milk and soy based formulas.**

#### WIC issued Abbott formulas potentially impacted by this recall include:

- 12.6 oz Similac Total Comfort powder
- 12.5 oz Similac for Spit Up powder
- 12.5 oz Similac Sensitive powder
- 12.4 oz Similac Advance powder
- All EleCare powder Infant and Jr.
- All Alimentum powder

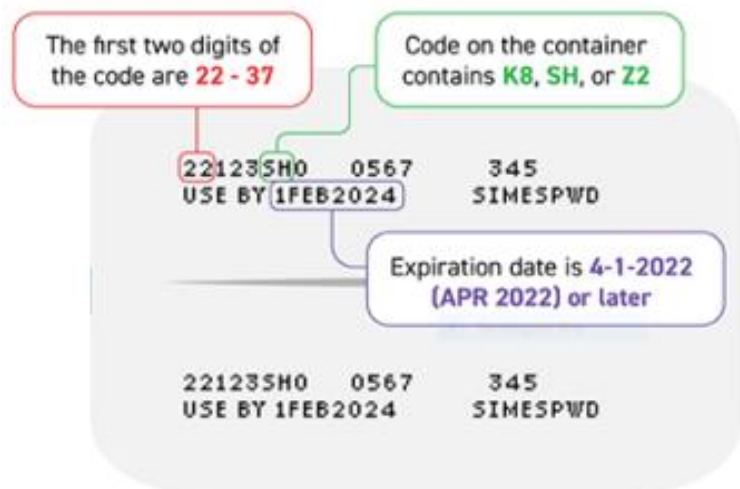
#### Formulas Not Impacted by this recall:

Concentrate formulas; Ready to feed formulas; Isomil; NeoSure

**Do not use recalled formula; keep the cans to exchange for different brands at the store**

### CHECK THE BOTTOM OF THE CAN !!

FDA is advising consumers not to use **Similac**, **Alimentum** or **EleCare** powder infant formulas if:



**WIC's goal during this recall is to continue to meet the needs of our families in feeding their infants and children with safe alternative products. Please help to *spread the word* about this recall.**



*The Nebraska WIC Program now has federal waivers that temporarily allow flexibility in making exchanges at the store and allow WIC to issue non-contract formulas to participants when Similac formulas are unavailable.*

### **Steps to identify recalled formula and how to exchange it:**

- 1: [Product look up](#) - check to see if the participant's powder infant formula was recalled. Recalled formula may be exchanged at the store where it was purchased. **Do not use recalled formula - but keep the cans so they can be exchanged.**
- 2: Contact the store where the formula was purchased. If the store has formula in stock they may exchange the recalled formula for a similar formula and quantity. They may offer a formula of the same or different brand, or a different type, including powder, concentrate or ready-to-feed. The store will follow their exchange policy for all customers including WIC participants.
- 3: If the participant is not able to exchange the formula at the store, they may decide to return the product directly to Abbott. WIC participants have the same rights as all other consumers under this recall and may follow directions from Abbott, provided via [www.similacrecall.com](http://www.similacrecall.com) or 1-800-986-8540 for returning recalled product.
- 4: [Contact the WIC local agency](#). The local agency can issue a new food package to purchase one of multiple formulas including Similac or alternate brands, such as Enfamil, Gerber or similar formulas.

### **Formula Recall Options – different brands will be temporarily available:**

Due to the recall, WIC participants may have a hard time finding formula they normally get from WIC at the grocery store. Please help us spread the word - Nebraska WIC is temporarily allowing clients to purchase different brands of formula during this time of shortage.

**Click on the handout below to see the alternate or additional formula options:**

[Client Handout – Alternate formula options allowed](#)

*Note: this information is subject to ongoing updates as the situation changes*

Updated: 2.25.22; for additional formula recall information see the [NE WIC Website](#) or call 402-471-2781