

Abbott – Recall of Similac[®], Alimentum[®], EleCare[®] infant formula

- On February 17, 2022, the [FDA announced](#) a consumer-level recall of several lots of Abbott's Similac, Alimentum and EleCare infant formulas after four consumer complaints related to *Cronobacter sakazakii* or *Salmonella* Newport in infants who had consumed powder infant formula manufactured at one of Abbott's facilities.
- All four cases related to these complaints were hospitalized and *Cronobacter* may have contributed to one death. The [FDA](#) along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are investigating these cases.
- Abbott is recalling the powder formula manufactured in this facility with an expiration of April 1, 2022, or later. No Abbott liquid formulas, powder formulas, or nutrition products from other facilities are impacted by the recall. Refer to similacrecall.com for details on which products are being recalled.
- The recalled powdered infant formulas have the potential to be contaminated with *Cronobacter*, a bacterium that can cause severe foodborne illness primarily in infants. *Cronobacter* infections are rare but are especially high risk for newborn infants.
 - Symptoms related to *Cronobacter* or *Salmonella* infection include poor feeding, irritability, temperature changes, jaundice, grunting breaths, and abnormal movements. *Cronobacter* infection may also cause bowel damage and may spread through the blood to other parts of the body.
- Per Abbott's routine testing, *Cronobacter* or *Salmonella* were not found in finished product, but *Cronobacter* was found in the facility in non-product contact areas. Abbott's investigation is ongoing.
- The products under recall have a multidigit number on the bottom of the container starting with the first two digits 22 through 37, contains K8, SH, or Z2 and with an expiration date of April 1, 2022, or after.
- Visit similacrecall.com and type in the code on the bottom of the package to find out if the product is included in this recall. Or call Similac Customer Service at **1-800-986-8540** and follow the instructions provided. No action is needed for previously consumed product. For any questions related to feeding a child, contact a healthcare provider.
- Patients who have the recalled Similac, Alimentum or EleCare products should stop using them and contact Similac Customer Service for refund and replacement information.
- Families should follow the instructions for proper preparation, handling and storage of powder formulas.
- Anyone with an existing inventory of the recalled product should stop distribution and quarantine the product immediately.
- Contact Similac Customer Service at **1-800-986-8540** for more information about the recall.



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