



Yamhill County
Health and Human Services
Public Health

To: Health Care Providers in Yamhill County

From: Yamhill County Public Health

Date: **2/23/22**

Regarding: *Cronobacter sakazakii* associated with powdered infant formula

Phone number for follow-up: **(503) 434-7483**

ALERT

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UPDATE TO THE 2/17/2022 NOTIFICATION: Call for Cases: Cronobacter sakazakii associated with powdered infant formula

The FDA, CDC, and state and local partners are investigating four consumer complaints of infant illness related to powdered infant formula products produced from Abbott Nutrition's Sturgis, Michigan, facility. The complaints were received from 9/16/21 to 12/18/21 and include three reports of *Cronobacter sakazakii* infections and one report of *Salmonella* Newport infections. The reports were received from Texas (2), Minnesota (1), and Ohio (1). *Cronobacter* is a rare but serious cause of bloodstream infections and meningitis in infants. Infections in infants have previously been associated with powdered infant formulas.

FDA has issued a consumer advisory to avoid purchasing or using specific lots of Similac, Alimentum, or EleCare powdered infant formula produced in the Sturgis, MI facility. The products are distributed nationally and internationally. Specific brands and lot numbers are listed in this FDA consumer advisory released on 2/17/22: <https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/fda-investigation-cronobacter-and-salmonella-complaints-powdered-infant-formula-february-2022>

Please email Rosalie Trevejo (Rosalie.trevejo2@dhsosha.state.or.us) to report cases of infants with laboratory-confirmed *Cronobacter sakazakii* infection. FDA is not currently seeking formula samples for testing.

(Original notification from 2/17/22)

Dear Oregon Laboratory Colleagues:

We request your assistance in identifying infants (<12 months old) with laboratory-confirmed *Cronobacter sakazakii* infection between November 2020 and present date.

CDC is working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to investigate *Cronobacter sakazakii* cases linked to infant formula in multiple states. As part of this investigation, CDC is collecting information on *Cronobacter sakazakii* cases among infants who consumed powdered infant formula in the 10 days before illness onset. Onset dates are estimated to range from November 2020 to present date.

Please email Rosalie Trevejo (Rosalie.trevejo2@dhsosha.state.or.us) to report cases of infants with laboratory-confirmed *Cronobacter sakazakii* infection since November 2020. Additional information on *Cronobacter sakazakii* can be found at: www.cdc.gov/cronobacter/index.html

This HAN notification was sent to the following alert lists: ORCD1 (includes: Tribal and local health administrators and health officers, CD Nurses, hospitals, preparedness coordinators, labs, epidemiologists, and some members of OHA's staff and leadership), and Oregon Labs.

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- Professionals within your health, preparedness, and response affiliations.

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