



**Yamhill County**  
**Health and Human Services**  
**Public Health**

# ALERT

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To: Health Care Providers in Yamhill County

From: Yamhill County Public Health

Date: **11/16/23**

Regarding: **OHA urges action from clinicians, local public health due to lead-contaminated WanaBana applesauce**

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

## Summary

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a [safety alert](#) on October 28<sup>th</sup> recalling WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Purée pouches due to reports of elevated levels of lead found in certain units of the product. As of 11/9/2023, multiple children in Oregon with elevated blood lead levels have been identified as having consumed this product in Lake, Lincoln, Multnomah, and Washington Counties.

The purpose of this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory is to notify healthcare providers and local public health authorities about this recall notice and to recommend appropriate follow-up actions.

## Background

WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Purée Pouches are distributed nationwide through multiple retailers including Amazon, Dollar Tree, and other online outlets. Since the first alert was issued this investigation has been transferred to FDA's Coordinated Outbreak Response & Evaluation (CORE) Network for additional follow up, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local partners. Two additional brands of products also subject to the recall at Schnucks and Weis markets are not available locally.

## Recommendations

Discuss the product recall with a parent and/or caregiver of children and perform a capillary or venous blood lead test on children who have or may have consumed any of these recalled products.

Educate families to check their homes and discard any additional pouches of the product.

Children with capillary blood lead levels at or greater than 3.5 µg/dL should have a subsequent test with a venous blood sample for confirmation.

Perform blood lead testing on all children at 12 and 24 months who are enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan.

Consider testing or recommend testing of older children, persons who are pregnant, or other family members who may have also consumed these products since they are not directly marketed for children.

Local public health authorities should ask families about consumption of this product during child lead exposure investigations and include details about this in Orpheus case notes.

**More information about blood lead testing and medical management can be found by visiting—**

[CDC's Testing Children for Lead Poisoning](#)

[Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units Medical Management of Childhood Lead Exposure](#)

[Oregon Health Authority's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program](#)

**More information about the recall can be found by visiting—**

FDA's Safety Alert: [WanaBana Issues Voluntary Recall of WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Purée Pouches Due to Elevated Lead Levels](#)

FDA's [Investigation of Elevated Lead Levels: Applesauce Pouches \(November 2023\)](#)

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