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TO: New Jersey WIC Authorized Vendors
FROM: Nancy Scotto-Rosato, PhD Executive Director, NJ WIC Services *JLR*
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Reply to
Attention of: NJWIC 022-021

SUBJECT: Public Health Advisory - The FDA issued an Advisory on certain Abbott Formulas (Similac, Alimentum or EleCare powdered infant formulas)

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a Public Health Advisory recall notice for certain Abbott Similac, Alimentum or Elecare powder infant formulas that were manufactured at the Abbott Nutrition Sturgis, MI facility.

Similac and Elecare (Abbott Formulas) are exempt special formulas not routinely issued to New Jersey WIC participants to redeem at authorized NJWIC Vendors. These Abbott formulas are primarily issued from our exempt special formula warehouse.

Alimentum is issued to WIC participants for purchase at NJ WIC authorized retailers. However, Alimentum is not a commonly NJ WIC issued formula. There are under 600 NJ WIC infants and children that were issued this formula statewide resulting in minimal impact for the NJ WIC population.

How do I know if a product is affected by the recall?

If you purchased or obtained the product in the United States, check the lot number with the lot locator at similacrecall.com. If the product is **not** affected by the recall, no action is necessary.

According to the NJ WIC Vendor Agreement, Vendors **shall not** provide substitute items, credit (including rainchecks), or cash reimbursement for authorized foods that are unavailable or returned. The Vendor shall instruct the participant to contact the local WIC agency regarding formula changes.

Please note that this is a changing situation, and as we learn of new developments, we will be in communication with all of you.

Please click and follow the links below for further details on the recall and the ability to check the Abbott powder infant formulas lot numbers:

[FDA Investigation of Cronobacter and Salmonella Complaints: Powdered Infant Formula \(February 2022\) | FDA](#)

<https://www.similacrecall.com/us/en/home.html>