

Health Advisory

Benton-Franklin Health District

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Similac Formula Recall

Information for WIC Clients

Similac brand formulas, including Similac Advance, Similac Sensitive, Similac Spit Up, Similac Total Comfort, Alimentum, and Elecare, are part of a voluntary recall due to reports of Cronobacter and Salmonella poisoning. More information about the recall can be found at https://www.similacrecall.com/ or by calling 1.800.986.8540.

For WIC participants who have purchased recalled formula, please encourage families to return formula to the store where it was purchased. The store may be able to offer credit or refund to purchase another formula. If they are unable to return the formula, please have your client contact their WIC office. If they have formula on their WIC card that is currently not available at the store, please have them call the WIC office for options.

Providers can visit the bfhd.wa.gov provider resources Hot Topics section for updates as they become available.

WIC options:

Formula	Powder	Concentrate	RTF	Requires WIC medical documentation form
Similac Advance	Χ*	X	X	
Similac Sensitive	Χ*		X	
Similac Isomil Soy	X	X	X	
Similac Alimentum	X**		X	X
Nutramigen	Χ		X	X
Gerber Extensive HA	X			X
Similac Neosure (22 cal)	Х		Х	X
Enfamil Enfacare (22 cal)	Х		Х	X

^{*}Similac Advance and Sensitive powder production is being ramped up for increased distribution.







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**Similac Alimentum – WIC requires a medical documentation form (MDF) prescribing Alimentum. Ready-to-feed Alimentum is our best current option, not sure how quickly the powdered formula will resurface on shelves. For those currently using Alimentum, Nutramigen would be an option to consider as it is available on WIC and comparable to Alimentum. Nutramigen also requires a signed MDF.

Note: Similac Total Comfort and Spit Up were heavily impacted by the recall. They were only being produced at the location where the recall occurred. There will need to be an FDA investigation and clean up before any production can start up again. Spit Up and Total Comfort are not going to be available for a long while.

If a WIC option is unavailable due to recall/lack of supply:

WIC Formula All 20 calories/ounce	Notes	Comparable formulas
Similac Advance	Milk-based formula	Any store brand milk-based formula, Enfamil Lipil, Gerber Good Start Gentle Pro
Similac® Sensitive® Lactose Sensitivity	Milk based formula that has less lactose Symptoms: colic, gas	Enfamil Gentlease, Gerber Good Start Soothe Pro, store brand gentle or sensitive formulas
Similac Total Comfort™	Milk-based formula with reduced lactose Symptoms: colic	Enfamil Gentlease, Gerber Good Start Soothe, store brand gentle or sensitive formulas
Similac for Spit-Up	Milk-based formula with added rice starch to help with with frequent Spit-up or reflux	Enfamil AR, Gerber Good Start Soothe Pro, store brand formula with "added rice starch"
Similac Alimentum	-Intolerance, sensitivity or allergy to cow's milk protein, soy protein, or intact protein	Enfamil Nutramigen, Gerber Good Start Extensive HA

