

Statement from the U.S Department of Health & Human Services

To address infant formula shortages in the wake of Abbott Nutrition's voluntary recall of certain powdered infant formulas, the Biden-Harris Administration is working to ensure that infant formula is safe and available for families across the country. President Biden spoke with retailers and manufacturers, including Walmart, Target, Reckitt, and Gerber, to discuss ways to get more formula quickly and safely onto store shelves. He also announced a series of actions, including cutting red tape on the types of formula parents can buy, calling on the Federal Trade Commission and state attorneys general to crack down on price gouging and unfair market practices, and increasing the supply of formula through increased imports.

(More information at whitehouse.gov/briefing-room item dated May 17.) Thanks to these efforts, manufacturers have ramped up production 30-50 percent, bringing total production today above pre-recall levels with a different mix of products and sizes now available in the market. Still, it's clear that too many families continue to encounter challenges obtaining infant formula - especially families of about 5,000 infants as well as some older children and adults with rare metabolic diseases that depend on specialty formulas.

If you are unable to readily find formula, please consult the following resources that may be able to assist:

Manufacturer Hotlines

- Gerber's MyGerber Baby Expert to reach a certified nutrition or lactation consultant by phone, text, Facebook Messenger, web chat, or video call, who can help you identify a similar formula that may be more readily available. gerber.com/mygerber-baby-expert
- Abbott's Consumer Hotline: call 1-800-986-8540.
- Abbott's urgent product request line. Ask your OBGYN or your infant's pediatrician to submit an urgent product request by downloading and completing the form - PDF. abbottnutrition.com/metabolics
- Reckitt's Customer Service line: call 1-800-BABY-123 (222-9123)

Community Resources

- Locate your nearest Community Action Agency (CAA). Your neighborhood CAA may be able to provide you with formula or connect you with local agencies that have formula in stock.
- United Way's 2-1-1 dial 2-1-1 to be connected to a community resource specialist affiliated with United Way who may be able to help you identify food pantries and other charitable sources of local infant formula and baby food.
- Feeding America: call your local food bank to ask whether they have infant formula and other supplies in stock.

(Feeding America website: feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank)

- Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA): certain HMBANA-accredited milk banks are distributing donated breast milk to mothers in need; please note that some may require a prescription from a medical professional. Find an HMBANA-accredited milk bank at hmbana.org/find-a-milk-bank.

WIC-Eligible Families

- Contact your local WIC office to identify or obtain additional sources of infant formula nearby. Anson County WIC: 704-694-5188

General Guidance

- Call your OBGYN or pediatrician to see if they have in-office samples or can suggest a similar formula that may be more readily available in stores and is nutritionally similar to your infant's typical formula.
- You should not water down formula, try to make formula at home, or use toddler formula to feed infants. Don't discard formula unless it is expired or is part of the recall. Check your formula's lot code to see whether or not it was affected by the recall. (Lot code info: similacrecall.com/us/en/product-lookup.html.)
- You can find more guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics, healthychildren.org.

Church

MAY 23
Reformation Service
At New Beginning Church, 416 Mooreville Rd, off Mayesville Rd, Morven, 3pm. Pastor Bennie Gaddy, Associate Pastor J.C. Gaddy.

MAY 25
One Night Youth Revival at Fairview Church of God, 7pm with Minister Justin Wade of Greater Fellowship MBC in Charlotte.

MAY 29
Fifth Sunday Worship Celebration. The South Anson Family of Churches invites you to join them for the upcoming Fifth Sunday Gospel Singing Event, with special guest The Cameronian Quartet. Held at Sandy Springs Church, 1154 Cason Oldfield Rd in Morven, 11am. Everyone is invited to this uplifting celebration!

JUNE 5
99th Year Homecoming at North Wadesboro Baptist Church 11am with speaker Rev. Wayne Williams. Everyone is invited.

JUNE 16 - 19
Breath of God Ministerial Alliance
Theme: The Tip of the Spear - Pastor Renwick V.E. Fisher, Kannapolis NC. Thu-"The Measure of a Godly Man" Pastor Anthony Hall, Divine Unity 7pm; Fri-"The Whole Duty of a Man" Pastor John M. Scott, West Deep Creek 7pm; Sun-"The Responsibility of a Righteous Man" Pastor Terry Little, West Deep Creek 9am

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MAY 23
Board of Education Regular Meeting to be livestreamed on YouTube, Closed Session 4pm, Open Session 5:30pm. View at Anson County School's YouTube page. (Search YouTube for Anson County Schools.) Meeting takes place in Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, 320 Camden Rd in Wadesboro. For public comment sign up in-person. Sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting.

JUNE 15
Pressure Canner Dial Gauge Testing. free, at the Cooperative Extension Office, 501 McLaurin St in Wadesboro, 10am-5pm. (Closed for lunch 12-1). Info 704-694-2915.

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