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HEALTH ADVISORY

Update: FDA and CDC investigation of Cronobacter bacteria illness in infants

The North Dakota Department of Health is providing further information to health-care providers regarding the investigation of increased reports of Cronobacter infections. Below is a short summary of the investigation being conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The North Dakota Department of Health is asking health-care providers and laboratories to report any Cronobacter infections or laboratory findings to the Division of Disease Control. Reports can be made online at <https://www.ndhealth.gov/disease/reportcard>, by fax at 701.328.0356 or by phone at 701.328.2378.

The FDA, CDC and state health departments continue to investigate four recent cases of Cronobacter infection in infants in four states: Florida, Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma. There is currently no evidence that indicates the Cronobacter infections in these infants are related.

Based on test results to date, there is no need for a recall of infant formula, and parents may continue to use powdered infant formula, following the manufacturer's directions on the printed label.

For more information on these investigations and infant formula safety, visit the CDC's media website at www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2011/s1230_Cronobacter.html.

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