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Health & Human Services

# ALERT

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To:

Fax number:

From: CD Team

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Date: **6/23/26**

Regarding: Infant Botulism Outbreak

Phone number for follow-up: 503-588-5621

Dear Providers,

CDC and public health officials in three states, the Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program, and FDA are investigating a multistate outbreak of infant botulism linked to recalled infant formula. The investigation is ongoing and additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

Infant botulism happens when swallowed spores from a type of bacteria called *Clostridium botulinum* infects a baby's large intestine and make toxin in it. Infant botulism often starts with constipation but is usually first noticed as difficulty feeding (sucking and swallowing), a weak and altered cry, and loss of muscle tone.

There have been 3 cases of infant botulism linked to this formula nationwide resulting in 3 hospitalizations and no deaths. **There have not been any cases in Oregon.**

### **Recalled formula:**

On June 13, 2026, Nara Organics recalled **all lots** of Nara Organics Whole Milk Organic Powdered Infant Formula. Nara Organics infant formula is available for sale exclusively online and at Target stores nationwide. CDC reports that Nara Organics Whole Milk Organic Powdered Infant Formula makes up less than 1% of all infant formula sales in the United States and this outbreak does not create shortage concerns of infant formula for parents and caregivers.

### **Recommendations for Clinicians:**

- Initial diagnosis of infant botulism is based on clinical symptoms: constipation, difficulty feeding, weak cry, loss of muscle tone
- Consultation with the Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program is available for suspected cases. If you suspect your infant patient has botulism, immediately call 510-231-7600 for case consultation. Consultation is available 24/7.
- If clinical consultation supports infant botulism, begin treatment as soon as possible. Do not wait for laboratory confirmation.
- Infant botulism is a notifiable disease. All suspected cases must be reported to the local public health department.

**Resources:**

CDC Infant Botulism Outbreak Linked to Powdered Infant Formula, June 2026:

<https://www.cdc.gov/botulism/outbreaks-investigations/infant-formula-june-2026/index.html>

FDA Outbreak Investigation of Infant Botulism: Powdered Infant Formula (June 2026):

<https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/outbreak-investigation-infant-botulism-powdered-infant-formula-june-2026>

Nara Organics Voluntary Recall of all Nara Organics Infant Formula: <https://nara.com/pages/nara-organics-recall-information>

