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HAN subject: Health advisory | Infant botulism outbreak linked to powdered infant formula

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From: Utah DHHS

Intended audience: Local public health departments, healthcare providers, infectious disease physicians, pediatricians, neurologists, clinical labs, emergency departments

Action steps

- **Local health departments:** Forward to hospitals, clinics, urgent care centers, emergency departments, and other clinics or associations in your jurisdiction.
- **Hospitals and clinics:** Forward to all healthcare providers who may be involved, including internists, infectious disease doctors, emergency department staff, family medicine clinics, pediatric clinics, and neurologists.

Key points

- There is a current outbreak of infant botulism linked to Nara Organics Whole Milk Organic powdered infant formula sold nationwide in Target retail stores and online at Target.com and Nara.com between July 2025 and June 2026.
- No cases of botulism related to this formula have been identified in Utah, but clinicians should be aware the implicated formula is sold in Utah stores.
- Families of healthy, unaffected infants should throw out unopened cans of recalled Nara Organics Whole Milk Organic powdered infant formula. Consider keeping opened cans of recalled formula. If an infant develops signs and symptoms of infant botulism, investigators may want to test it. Label it “DO NOT USE” and keep it stored in a safe place away from other items the baby is fed for at least a month. If no symptoms appear after a month, throw away the leftover formula.

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- Consider infant botulism in patients <1 year old presenting with some or all of the following signs and symptoms:
 - Constipation
 - Poor feeding
 - Ptosis (drooping eyelid)
 - Sluggish pupils
 - Flattened facial expression
 - Diminished suck and gag reflexes
 - Weak and altered cry
 - Respiratory difficulty and possibly respiratory arrest
- If you suspect infant botulism, immediately call the Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program (IBTPP) at the California Department of Public Health (510-231-7600). Consultation is available 24/7.
- IBTPP will release BabyBIG[®] (botulism immune globulin) if clinically indicated.
- Clinical testing for infant botulism should be performed if BabyBIG[®] is released. Call the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (801-538-6191) to arrange testing.
- Formula fed to infants who have suspected botulism should be saved for testing.

More information

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

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

Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program: <https://www.infantbotulism.org/>

Utah epidemiology: <https://epi.utah.gov/infant-botulism/>

DHHS disease reporting line

Telephone (1-888-EPI-UTAH (374-8824)) or email (reporting@utah.gov).

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