

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

**HAN number:** 11122025

**From:** Utah DHHS

**Intended audience:** local public health departments; healthcare providers; ID physicians; pediatricians; neurologists; clinical labs; emergency departments

## Action steps

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

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## Key points

- There is a current outbreak of infant botulism linked to ByHeart Whole Nutrition powdered infant formula.
- 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<sup>®</sup> (botulism immune globulin) if clinically indicated.
- Clinical testing for infant botulism should be performed if BabyBIG<sup>®</sup> is released. Call the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (801-538-6191) to arrange testing.
- Formula fed to infants with suspected botulism should be saved for testing.
- Families of healthy, unaffected infants should throw out recalled ByHeart Whole Nutrition powdered infant formula and record the lot numbers.

\*The information in this message is intended to spread awareness among healthcare providers and other professionals across Utah. This is not intended for mass distribution or media purposes.



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**More information**

FDA: <https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/outbreak-investigation-infant-botulism-infant-formula-november-2025>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/botulism/outbreaks-investigations/infant-formula-nov-2025/index.html>

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

Utah Epidemiology: <https://epi.utah.gov/>

**DHHS disease reporting line:** telephone (1-888-EPI-UTAH (374-8824)), email ([reporting@utah.gov](mailto:reporting@utah.gov)), or fax (801-538-9923).

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