



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

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Dear Vendor,

We are reaching out to Maryland WIC authorized vendors regarding the infant formula shortage. The recent events have put quite a strain on this already sensitive situation, and we want to thank you for your continued efforts to help Maryland families.

Abbott has informed us that the Similac Advance 12.4 oz powder supply is healthy and continues to grow stronger. They are asking us to please urge vendors to place their normal or larger orders for this specific product. If your stores or distributors are struggling with availability issues of Similac Advance 12.4 oz powder, please let us know so we can notify Abbott and they will reach out to you directly to assist. Please email mdh.wicvendor@maryland.gov if you are having difficulties securing Similac Advance 12.4 oz powder formula.

Abbott also informed us that they have increased the production of Isomil and Neosure powder formulas but the current demand for these products is outweighing the supply. Orders for these products currently being placed by vendors may be reduced by distributors due to the current low stock. It will be a few more weeks before we start to see a healthy stock of these products again.

We are also encouraging stores to limit formula purchases to prevent panic buying and pantry loading. Please let us know if you have implemented this practice or plan to in the future.

Last, we are continuing not to issue any violations for minimum stock on formula. If a WIC representative is out in your store monitoring, we are primarily keeping tabs on availability of all products for our awareness.

Thank you again for your continued support during this difficult time. Please reach out to us at mdh.wicvendor@maryland.gov if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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