

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

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Dear WIC authorized vendor,

The Maryland WIC Program thanks you for your continued support throughout this formula recall. As you know, Maryland WIC provides infant formula and medical nutritionals to eligible WIC participants. While the infant formula shortage continues for some specialty products on the market, our routine vendor monitoring shows that the standard milk-based and soy-based contract formulas are being adequately stocked in Maryland.

This communication is to inform you that after December 31, 2022, Maryland WIC will resume offering only Similac Advance 12.4 oz powder or 13 oz concentrate and Similac Soy Isomil 12.4 oz powder or 13 oz concentrate to our participants. Of course, specialty and medical formulas will still be issued in special cases.

The minimum required stock for formula is noted below. Attached, you will also find the complete stocking list.

Infant Formula - Required Stock for Stores with Four or More Cash Registers

Similac Advance, powder 12.4 oz	15 cans
Similac Soy Isomil, powder 12.4 oz	4 cans

Infant formula - Minimum Required Stock for Stores with Three or Less Cash Registers

Similac Advance, powder 12.4 oz	7 cans
Similac Soy Isomil, powder 12.4 oz	0 cans

If you haven't already done so, we recommend you increase ordering thresholds to meet the demand.

Thank you for your commitment to the health and wellbeing of Maryland WIC families. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>mdh.wicvendor@maryland.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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