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Infant Formula Recall Impacts Vermont WIC Program

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BURLINGTON – The Vermont Department of Health is participating in a nationwide recall of a certain brand of infant formula. Small containers of Similac brand powder infant formula are being recalled by the manufacturer, Abbott, after traces of a small common beetle were detected in some of the products.

Similac powder is one of the formulas provided to Vermont families through WIC, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. The Health Department is advising health care providers statewide about the recall, and has ordered replacement formula for WIC families to be shipped overnight into the state and distributed to district offices.

Approximately 1,700 WIC families in Vermont may have received the affected Similac formula. WIC families who have the recalled product should keep it to exchange it with the replacement formula as soon as it is available from the Health Department.

Families who have received samples, or who purchased recalled products at stores can request replacement formula by contacting the manufacturer at <http://similac.com/recall/consumer>.

Similac liquid infant formulas are not included in the recall. For a full list of products that have been recalled, visit: www.similac.com/recall/

The WIC program provides foods to help meet nutritional needs of pregnant women, new mothers and children through age 5. WIC offers incentives to women who breastfeed rather than use formula, providing them with more food and special support and nutrition services. **Breastfeeding** for a full 12 months and beyond is recommended by the Health Department as the best nutrition for infants.

WIC serves 16,500 people a month in Vermont. The Health Department also conducts clinics in more than 50 locations statewide.

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