

The Minnesota Department of Health Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (Minnesota WIC) has resources for families navigating the national formula recall and shortage.

Finding Formula

The Minnesota WIC program added as many alternatives as possible to increase the chance families find formula in stores. Parents not receiving WIC benefits may use the list to find similar formula options for their babies when their preferred brand is unavailable.

- Use the [Similac Formula Recall Minnesota WIC Approved Substitutions List](#) to help select a similar formula when the preferred brand is not available. Families can ask their health care provider for guidance.
- Stock can vary by store, region, day of the week, and time of day. Try checking different types of stores and calling ahead to a store or pharmacy to ask about their current formula stock or when they expect a shipment. Ask customer service about formula stock if formula is not on the shelf.
- Try to only buy what you need. There may be store limits in place for formula products.
- **Do not make your own formula or feed your baby homemade formula. This can be dangerous.** Learn more: [The FDA advises parents and caregivers to not make or feed homemade infant formula to infants.](#)

Important Information

- [Abbott Enters into Consent Decree with U.S. Food and Drug Administration for its Sturgis, Mich., Plant; Agreement Creates Pathway to Reopen.](#)
- [U.S. FDA Encourages Importation of Safe Infant Formula and Other Flexibilities to Further Increase Availability](#)

Resources for Families

- The [Minnesota WIC Similac Formula Recall Information page](#) has helpful resources.
- There is guidance to help parents with [Changing Formulas](#).
- Parents using a combination of breastmilk and formula can find [Breastfeeding Support During an Infant Formula recall](#).

Get Help

- We encourage WIC families to contact their [WIC Local Agency](#) for help. Other families can contact their doctor, their local public health agency, or community organizations.
- Talk to your doctor if you have questions or concerns about feeding your baby or if you use medical formula.

Reference – Complete Listing of Hyperlinks

[Similac Formula Recall Minnesota WIC Approved Substitutions List](https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/people/wic/localagency/recall/substitutions.pdf)

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[The FDA advises parents and caregivers to not make or feed homemade infant formula to infants](https://www.fda.gov/food/alerts-advisories-safety-information/fda-advises-parents-and-caregivers-not-make-or-feed-homemade-infant-formula-infants)

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[U.S. FDA Encourages Importation of Safe Infant Formula and Other Flexibilities to Further Increase Availability](https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-encourages-importation-safe-infant-formula-and-other-flexibilities-further-increase-availability) (<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-encourages-importation-safe-infant-formula-and-other-flexibilities-further-increase-availability>)

[Minnesota WIC Similac Formula Recall Information page](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/recall.html)

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[Changing Formulas](https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/people/wic/localagency/recall/transitions.pdf)

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[Breastfeeding Support During an Infant Formula recall](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/bf/recall.html)

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[WIC Local Agency](https://www.health.state.mn.us/forms/cfh/wicdirectory/) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/forms/cfh/wicdirectory/>)

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