

# PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

for Recalled Nara Organics Infant Formula Products - June 16, 2026

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) is alerting parents, caregivers, clinicians, retailers, and local health departments of a [nationwide recall of all lots of Nara Organics powdered infant formula](#). Nara Organics voluntarily recalled its products on June 13, 2026 due to a possible risk of **Clostridium botulinum** contamination.

Nara Organics Whole Milk Infant Formula was sold at Target stores, Target.com, and Nara.com from July 2025 to June 2026. Consumers may still have these products in their homes. **Recalled products should not be used, sold, donated, distributed, or purchased.**

## What is infant botulism?

Infant botulism occurs when spores from the bacteria *Clostridium botulinum* are swallowed and begin to grow in an infant's intestinal tract. The bacteria produce toxins that affect the nervous system and can cause severe illness.

Symptoms can appear slowly and may develop **several weeks** after an infant drinks the formula.

Infants with botulism may show:

- Hard or no bowel movements (constipation)
- Poor feeding/Not eating well
- Trouble swallowing
- Weak or different sounding cry
- Droopy eyelids
- Loss of head control/Unable to hold head up
- Trouble breathing
- Respiratory arrest (stopping breathing)

If an infant shows **any** of these symptoms, **parents or caregivers should seek emergency medical care immediately.**

Infant botulism is diagnosed by a healthcare provider.

## Recommended action steps for parents and caregivers

- **Monitor infants who consumed Nara Organics infant formula and seek medical care immediately** if signs or symptoms of infant botulism develop.
- **Do not use recalled Nara Organics formula.** Thoroughly [wash and sanitize](#) bottles and kitchenware that came into contact with the formula.



- **Throw away or return** any unopened containers of Nara Organics formula.
- **Save any opened containers of any Nara Organics formula**, record the lot information, and **label it "DO NOT USE."** After 30 days, if no symptoms have developed, discard the product unless otherwise directed by DPH.
- Follow safe infant formula preparation and storage steps from CDC: [Infant Formula Preparation and Storage](#).

## Information for retailers

Retailers must ensure:

- All recalled Nara Organics formula products are **removed from shelves**.
- Returned Nara Organics formula products are also **removed from inventory** and not resold.
- Staff are informed about the recall and instructed not to restock affected products.
- Wash and sanitize items and surfaces that may have touched the recalled formula.

Local health departments may conduct **recall effectiveness checks** and report findings to the DPH Division of Food Protection.

## Information for clinicians

Report all suspected cases immediately to DPH by calling 617-983-6800 (24/7) and speaking to the epidemiologist on call. If consultation supports the diagnosis of infant botulism, DPH will assist in obtaining botulism immunoglobulin (BabyBIG) treatment from the California Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program.

## Learn more

For more details about the outbreak, investigation, and recall, visit:

- CDC outbreak advisory: [Infant Botulism Outbreak Linked to Powdered Infant Formula, June 2026](#)
- FDA public health advisory: [Outbreak Investigation of Infant Botulism: Powdered Infant Formula \(June 2026\)](#)
- FDA company recall announcement: [Nara Organics Recalls All Lots of Nara Infant Formula Because of Possible Health Risk](#)
- CDC: [Infant Formula Preparation and Storage](#)
- [Information on the Prevention and Treatment of Infant Botulism from the California Department of Public Health](#)
- Consumers can report a complaint or adverse event to FDA through the [FDA Safety Reporting Portal](#) or by calling 1-888-INFO-FDA.

DPH will continue to coordinate with federal, state, and local partners and share updates as new information becomes available.



## Product images



Nara Organics 700g Whole Milk Organic Infant Formula can with blue lid, cow illustration, and front label showing milk-based powder with iron.



Nara Organics 400g Whole Milk Organic Infant Formula can with blue lid, cow illustration, and front label showing milk-based powder with iron.



Bottom of a Nara Organics infant formula can showing the printed manufacture date, use-by date, and lot number location.

