

## Infant Formula Substitution During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

### Department of Clinical Nutrition

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During this time, we recognize the way families traditionally purchase formulas may be impacted, or there may be a limited supply available of a preferred brand. Our team of expert Registered Dietitians has created a formula substitution list for families and providers to help select an appropriate alternative. In addition to the below list, there are several retail brands with comparable formulas, so consider the generic store brands from Target, Walmart, Sam's Club, Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid, Costco, BJ's, Aldi's, Whole Foods, Krogers, and other similar stores.

**Please be advised that** the following is intended only to provide general information and may need to be adapted for each specific child based on the professional judgment of that child's healthcare provider, consideration of any unique circumstances, the needs of each child and their family, and other factors. The following is not intended to constitute medical advice or treatment, nor should it be relied upon as such. It is also not intended to create a doctor-patient relationship between The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia ("CHOP") and you or your child.

***If you have questions or concerns about your child's health, diet or nutrition, including the formulas listed below, please contact your child's healthcare professional. If your child has an underlying health condition, it is important to discuss any formula change with their healthcare provider before making a change.***

### Important Instructions

The following is not intended to be an endorsement of any particular brand or manufacturer and instead, is intended only to provide general information during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Detailed product information can be found on the manufacturer's website (see the links below). Formula products may have different mixing instructions, even within the same "Formula Category." Please read the mixing instructions on the new product label carefully, and pay attention to the number of scoops, amount of water, or the need to pack formula into the scoop. Please use the scoop provided inside the formula can as may be instructed by the product label. CHOP, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation and its or their affiliates, the authors, practitioners, and others associated with the creation of this document are not responsible for any outcomes you or your child might experience arising out of or relating to the use of any of the below information. CHOP makes no warranty, expressed or implied, with respect to the effectiveness, currency, completeness, applicability or accuracy of the below information or the information found on the manufacturers' websites. The Terms of Use and Privacy Policy set forth on CHOP's website (CHOP.edu) apply to any and all uses of and access to this site/document and the content found here.

## WIC Formulas by State

- **Pennsylvania and Delaware-Abbott-Similac Products**
- **New Jersey-Mead Johnson Products**
- **All other products require a State WIC form**

| Formula Category                    | Name of Formula   | Manufacturer | Substitution   |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|--|
| <b>Standard Infant (milk-based)</b> | Enfamil NeuroPro Infant<br>Enfamil Infant                                     | Mead Johnson | Similac Pro-Advance<br>Similac Advance<br>Gerber Good Start GentlePro<br>Similac Organic<br>Pure Bliss Infant Formula  |
|                                     | Similac Pro-Advance<br>Similac Advance  | Abbott       | Enfamil NeuroPro Infant<br>Enfamil Infant<br>Gerber Good Start GentlePro<br>Similac Organic<br>Pure Bliss Infant Formula                                     |
|                                     | Gerber Good Start GentlePro   | Gerber       | Enfamil NeuroPro Infant<br>Enfamil Infant<br>Similac Total Comfort<br>Similac Pro-Advance<br>Similac Advance<br>Similac Organic<br>Pure Bliss Infant Formula |
| <b>Organic/ Non-GMO<sub>1</sub></b> | Earth's Best Organic  | Earth Best   | Enfamil Enspire<br>Similac Non-GMO<br>Similac Organic<br>Standard Infant formula   |
|                                     | Enfamil Enspire   | Mead Johnson | Earth's Best Organic<br>Similac Non-GMO<br>Similac Organic<br>Standard Infant formula  |
|                                     | Similac Non-GMO Pure Bliss<br>Similac Organic                                 | Abbott       | Earth's Best Organic<br>Enfamil Enspire<br>Standard Infant formula   |
| <b>Gentle or Sensitive</b>          | Enfamil NeuroPro Gentlease<br>Enfamil NeuroPro Sensitive<br>Enfamil Gentlease | Mead Johnson | Similac Pro-Total Comfort<br>Similac Pro-Sensitive<br>Similac Sensitive<br>Gerber Good Start SoothePro   |
|                                     | Similac Pro-Total Comfort<br>Similac Pro-Sensitive<br>Similac Sensitive       | Abbott       | Enfamil NeuroPro Gentlease<br>Enfamil NeuroPro Sensitive<br>Enfamil Gentlease<br>Gerber Good Start SoothePro   |

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|   | Gerber Good Start SoothePro                      | Gerber       | Enfamil NeuroPro Gentlease<br>Enfamil NeuroPro Sensitive<br>Enfamil Gentlease<br>Similac Pro-Total Comfort<br>Similac Pro-Sensitive<br>Similac Sensitive |
| <b>Soy</b>                                | Enfamil ProSobee                                 | Mead Johnson | Similac Soy Isomil<br>Gerber Good Start Soy  |
|   | Similac Soy Isomil                               | Abbott       | Enfamil ProSobee<br>Gerber Good Start Soy  |
|   | Gerber Good Start Soy Formula                    | Gerber       | Enfamil ProSobee<br>Similac Soy Isomil   |
| <b>Hydrolyzed (partially broken down)</b> | Nutramigen with Enflora LGG                      | Mead Johnson | Similac Alimentum<br>Gerber Good Start Extensive HA  |
|   | Pregestimil                                      | Mead Johnson | Nutramigen with Enflora LGG  |
|   | Similac Alimentum                                | Abbott       | Nutramigen with Enflora LGG<br>Pregestimil<br>Gerber Good Start Extensive HA   |
|   | Gerber Good Start Extensive HA                   | Gerber       | Nutramigen with Enflora LGG<br>Pregestimil<br>Similac Alimentum  |
| <b>Elemental (amino acid based)</b>       | PurAmino   | Mead Johnson | Elecare Infant<br>Alfamino Infant<br>Neocate Infant DHA/ARA<br>Neocate Syneo Infant  |
|   | Elecare Infant                                   | Abbott       | PurAmino<br>Alfamino Infant<br>Neocate Infant DHA/ARA<br>Neocate Syneo Infant  |
|   | Alfamino Infant                                  | Gerber       | PurAmino<br>Elecare Infant<br>Neocate Infant DHA/ARA<br>Neocate Syneo Infant   |
|   | Neocate® Infant DHA/ARA<br>Neocate®Syneo® Infant | Nutricia     | PurAmino<br>Elecare Infant<br>Alfamino Infant  |
| <b>Discharge Preterm</b>                  | Enfamil NeuroPro<br>EnfaCare                     | Mead Johnson | Similac NeoSure  |
|   | Similac NeoSure                                  | Abbott       | Enfamil NeuroPro EnfaCare  |

1- Standard Infant Formulas may be substituted for the Organic and non-GMO formulas based on the family's preference.

## Additional Formula Information

**Similac Products:** <https://similac.com/baby-formula>

**Gerber Products:** <http://news.gerber.com/news/an-important-message-for-the-gerber-community-on-covid-19>

**Enfamil Products:** <https://www.enfamil.com/shop>

**Nutricia Products:** <https://www.neocate.com/news/message-on-coronavirus-covid-19/>

**Store Brands:** <https://www.storebrandformula.com/>