



# New Hampshire Health Alert Network

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**Status:** Actual  
**Message Type:** Update NH-HAN #20111223 *Cronobacter sakazakii* Infection in Infants  
**Severity:** Moderate  
**Sensitive:** Not Sensitive  
**Message Identifier:** NH-HAN #20120106 Update on *Cronobacter sakazakii* Infection in Infants  
**Delivery Time:** 12 hours  
**Acknowledgement:** No  
**Originating Agency:** NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services

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**DATE:** January 6, 2012                      **TIME:** 12:00 EST

**TO:** Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurses, Infection Control Practitioners, Infectious Disease Specialists, Hospital Emergency Departments, Hospital CEOs, Laboratory Response Network, Manchester Health Department, Nashua Health Department, NHHA, NH School Nurses and Administrators, Community Health Centers, EWIDS, DHHS Outbreak Team, DPHS Investigation Team, Public Health Network, and DPHS Management Team

**FROM:** Jodie Dionne-Odom, MD, Deputy State Epidemiologist

**SUBJECT:** Update on *Cronobacter sakazakii* Infection in Infants

**New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) recommends:**

- Review of the updated information on the investigation of recent *Cronobacter sakazakii* infections in infants and the possible link to powdered infant formula. Based on test results to date, there is no need for a recall of infant formula and parents may continue to use powdered infant formula, following the manufacturer's directions on the printed label.
- Reassure infant caregivers that this infection is rare and that the link to formula was not established during the investigation.
- Awareness of continued prevention measures and the proper handling and preparation of powdered infant formula.

Please refer to NH-HAN #20111223 dated December 23, 2011, for background information on this investigation. For more information on safe formula preparation please go to the NH DHHS website:

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/nhp/wic/documents/formula.pdf>

**For any questions regarding the contents of this message, please contact NH DHHS Infectious Disease Investigation and Surveillance Sections at 603-271-4496.  
After hours or toll free (In NH) at 800-852-3345, ext. 4496 or 603-271-5300 and ask for the public health professional on call.**

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## DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ALERTING VOCABULARY

### Message Type

Alert: Original alert  
Update: Prior alert has been updated and superseded  
Cancel: Prior alert has been cancelled  
Error: Prior alert has been retracted

### Status

Actual: Refers to a live event  
Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert  
Test: Related to a technical and/or system test

### Severity

Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property  
Severe: Significant threat to life or property  
Moderate: Possible threat to life or property  
Minor: Minimal threat to life or property  
Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

### Sensitive

Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content  
Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

### Message Identifier

A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation

### Delivery Time

Indicates the time frame for the delivery of the alert

### Acknowledgement

Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the time frame in which a response is required.

### Originating Agency

A guaranteed unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

### Alerting Program

The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

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