

Infant Formula Shortage Resources

Malnutrition Awareness Week Zoom Room Impacts of the Infant Formula Shortage: The Health Care Provider's Perspective

Event Overview

The infant formula shortage national crisis has demonstrated the fragility of the nutrition supply chain impacting infant health and outcomes. A discussion moderated by ByHeart's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Devon Kuehn, panelists Drs. Mark Corkins, MD, CNSC, FASPEN, AGAF, FAAP, Ruba Abdelhadi, MD, CNSC, NASPGHAN-F, and Allison Blackmer, PharmD, BCPS, BCPPS, FCCP, FASPEN discussed:

- Preliminary findings from a recent national survey on the impacts of the formula shortage on healthcare providers and their patients
- Resources developed and advocacy efforts already in place by key pediatric and nutrition societies to ensure access to nutrition products for infants and children

Based on this zoom room discussion and findings of recent surveys, a list of resources was compiled to support the practice of healthcare providers in search of educational, clinical, community, and legislative resources in dealing with this shortage and beyond.

To watch the archived recording of the MAW Zoom Room Event, visit nutritioncare.org/MAW22-FormulaShortageImpact. For more information regarding survey findings discussed in this event, stay tuned for announcements regarding a forthcoming publication.

Parent Resources

AAP guidance on choosing formula alternatives for parents

[With the baby formula shortage, what should I do if I can't find any? HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org/healthykids/nutrition/feeding/infant-formula-shortage/)
bit.ly/3CBOqVq

AAP guidance on choosing or switching formulas for parents

[Choosing a Baby Formula - HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org/healthykids/nutrition/feeding/infant-formula-shortage/)
bit.ly/3rCYJSY

FDA list of approved formulas from outside the US

[Enforcement Discretion to Manufacturers to Increase Infant Formula Supplies | FDA](https://www.fda.gov/oc/infant-formula-shortage/)
bit.ly/3Vd2r3g

CDC guidelines on safe formula preparation and storage

[CDC Formula Preparation and Storage](https://www.cdc.gov/nczod/diseases/zoonotic/d/m/infant-formula-preparation-storage/)
bit.ly/3V1PE3k

CDC guidelines for breast milk storage and preparation

[Proper Storage and Preparation of Breast Milk | Breastfeeding | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/03162018-proper-storage-preparation-breast-milk/)
bit.ly/3MaKbDv

FDA guidance for formula preparation and conversion

[Tips for preparing imported infant formula \(fda.gov\)](https://www.fda.gov/oc/infant-formula-shortage/)
bit.ly/3MgDu2Q

Social Media Support Groups

HHS.gov multilingual social media toolkit for parents seeking medical guidance, information on formula procurement, and safety information related to the formula shortage

[Baby Formula Shortage Social Media Toolkit | HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov/infant-formula-shortage/social-media-toolkit/)
bit.ly/3EoofTj

Community Resources, Local Departments of Health, and Food Assistance

Community resource helping to connect families to local agencies who may have access to formula

[Find A CAP | National CAP \(communityactionpartnership.com\)](#)
bit.ly/3Mf3bjX

Call center connecting providers and families to specialists to locate food pantries and specialty formulas

[Your Local 211 | United Way 211](#)
bit.ly/3TeA9TT

Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA) connecting families to donated breast milk

[Donate Extra Breast Milk \(hmbana.org\)](#)
bit.ly/3SIVJjP

Local WIC program locator for parents and providers

[Find WIC Clinic Near Me](#)
bit.ly/3Mf3mM9

Provider Resources

Provides comparison charts for formulas by protein type and guidance on safe formula substitutions

[NASPGHAN Tools for Infants and Children Affected by Formula Shortages](#)
bit.ly/3f1BFPL

Provides list of resources and product availability updates related to the enteral formula shortage

[ASPEN | Enteral Nutrition Product Shortages](#)
nutritioncare.org/ENProductShortages

Resource center including nutrition screening and assessment tools, initiatives on malnutrition, and additional evaluation resources for specialized populations

[ASPEN | Malnutrition Solution Center](#)
nutritioncare.org/Malnutrition

Legislation

FDA findings and recommendations following the infant formula national crisis

[FDA Evaluation of Infant Formula Response - September 2022](#)
bit.ly/3V8PLdz

Outlines updates on legislative action taken to address the formula shortage

[Addressing the Infant Formula Shortage - The White House](#)
bit.ly/3EqB5AI

Provides overview of the Medical Nutrition Equity Act (MNEA) and Medical Nutrition Therapy Act (MNT)

[ASPEN | Help Improve Patient Access to Nutrition Therapy!](#)
nutritioncare.org/MNT-MNEA

Outlines the Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) emergency assistance fund which provides financial support to families impacted by amino acid-based formula shortages

[PAF Launches Emergency Assistance Fund](#)
nutritioncare.org/PAFfund