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Dear Health Care Provider:

**Re: Infant Formula Shortage**

This is an update to the memo sent out on June 30, 2022 regarding the shortage of specialized infant formula.

The formula used for infants with cow's milk protein allergy and other medical conditions remains critically low. While the Abbott Nutrition Facility reportedly reopened on July 1, 2022 and are prioritizing production of specialized formula, the shortage is expected to remain over the summer.

Limited supplies of imported specialized formula have arrived in Canada and have been allocated to the provinces. Pharmacists can order these products from the regional distribution centre upon request from a family. The turnaround time for delivery is 1 day and up to 5 days for those in rural or remote areas.

Health professionals can continue to refer to [Use of Specialized Infant Formula during a Shortage Decision Tree](#) to assist clients on formula choices. If a health care provider decides that a specialized formula product is appropriate for an infant, they should direct parents/caregivers to request their pharmacy to order this product.

Healthcare providers with questions can contact [Population.PublicHealth@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Population.PublicHealth@gov.mb.ca) for more information.

We will continue to monitor this situation and will update Healthy Parenting Winnipeg as needed.

Sincerely,



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