

Infection Prevention Monthly – December 2025

ByHeart Infant Formula Recall

The CDC, FDA, Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program (IBTPP), and state partners are investigating a multistate outbreak of infant botulism linked to recalled ByHeart Whole Nutrition Infant Formula. Providers should maintain high suspicion in infants with compatible symptoms and act on evaluation, consultation, treatment, and reporting if exposed to this product. Refer to our “Bug of the Month” for details regarding infant botulism.

Source: Collin County Health Advisory on 11-10-2025.

Bug of the Month *Clostridium botulinum*

Clostridium botulinum is a spore-forming anaerobic bacillus which can colonize the gut and produce dangerous neurotoxins. Individuals who are exposed to this organism are at risk for developing botulism, a condition characterized by acute, symmetric, descending, flaccid paralysis that can progress to respiratory distress and failure. Four naturally occurring forms of human botulism exist: infant, foodborne, wound, and adult intestinal colonization. With the recent recall of ByHeart infant formula, providers should be watching for signs and symptoms of infant botulism. Symptoms may take several weeks to manifest, but often begin with constipation and progress to difficulty feeding, decreased facial expression, loss of head control, and hypotonia.



Our Recommendation:

If a patient exhibits signs of botulism following an exposure, contact the provider immediately and advise them to notify Infection Control. Isolation precautions are not required; however immediate notification to the public health department is required for evaluation and proper treatment.

Source: RedBook: 2024-2027 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases, American Academy of Pediatrics

Reminders

• When in Doubt...Isolate!

Positive lab results are not a requirement for isolation. Follow transmission precautions for any patient exhibiting symptoms of infection until symptoms resolve or infection can be ruled out. Refer to INP 16 for details.

• Reminder about Oxygen and Med Air Adaptors

Oxygen and Medical Air Adaptors are single-patient use items and should not be in place on the head wall before a patient arrives or left in place after discharge.

• Did You Know?

Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer **do not require an open date**. Always follow the manufacturer expiration date printed on the canister and maintain wet times according to the instructions for use.

• Single-Use Products

As a reminder, baby wipes are single-patient use items. You may send home with families. Please do not put baby wipes in staff restrooms.



Local Trends

PCCMC % Positivity (11/30/25-12/6/25):

Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	31%
RSV	15%
Influenza A	11%
Influenza B	6%

Source: Microbiology Micro/Viro Report on CookNet

November Policy Updates

- **INP 21 High Level Disinfection-** removed laryngoscope blades from policy as these are low temp sterilized. Added Trophon2 manual as a reference.
- **INP 29 Invasive Procedures: Barrier Precautions-** updated format and policy header
- **INP 34 Volunteer Services Infection Prevention and Control-** updated policy header, included initial TB testing with annual screening thereafter for volunteers
- **INP 16 Toy Cleaning-** added developmental textiles section and included PSP 129 Laundry Services and Linen Collection as a reference

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