

NEW MEXICO HEALTH ALERT NETWORK (HAN) ALERT
National Infant Botulism Outbreak Associated with ByHeart Infant Formula
November 12, 2025

Background:

National and state health officials are investigating an outbreak of infant botulism linked to ByHeart Whole Nutrition Infant Formula. As of November 12th, 2025, a total of 15 infants with botulism related to this outbreak have been confirmed in 12 states. ByHeart Inc. has recalled all product lots including all sizes of cans and single serve packets sold online and in stores nationwide. There are currently no suspected cases of botulism linked to this outbreak reported in New Mexico.

Infant botulism is a rare and potentially fatal paralytic illness caused by a neurotoxin produced by the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum*. These organisms grow best in low oxygen conditions but form durable spores which allow them to survive in a dormant state. In infant botulism swallowed spores germinate in an infant's large intestine and produce toxin.

The classic symptoms of infant botulism include:

- Constipation
- Poor feeding
- Ptosis (drooping eyelid) and sluggish pupils
- Diminished suck and gag reflexes
- Weak and altered cry
- Muscle weakness/paralysis (floppy baby with poor head control)
- Difficulty breathing/shortness of breath

If untreated, these symptoms may progress to cause paralysis of the respiratory muscles, arms, legs, and trunk and subsequent death.

Recommendations for Clinicians:

All providers should maintain a high index of suspicion for infant botulism in any patient presenting with symptoms suggestive of botulism and reported consumption of ByHeart Whole Nutrition Infant Formula.

If you suspect your infant patient has botulism, **immediately report** the suspect case to the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) 24/7/365 at **1-833-SWNURSE** (1-833-796-8773). Treatment with BabyBIG® is recommended for all suspected cases of infant botulism. BabyBIG® is obtained by case consultation with the [Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program](#) at 510-231-7600. Consultation is available 24/7. If possible, advise caregivers to retain any available unopened formula for testing.

Additional Resources:

[Botulism \(nmhealth.org\)](https://nmhealth.org)

CDC Investigation Status: [Infant Botulism Outbreak Linked to Infant Formula, November 2025 | Botulism | CDC](#)

FDA Recall Information: [Outbreak Investigation of Infant Botulism: Infant Formula \(November 2025\) | FDA](#)

Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program: [The Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program](#)

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