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For Information: US CDC investigation regarding infant botulism outbreak across several states

Background

The purpose of this health care professionals advisory is to provide information for local health care providers regarding the United States (US) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) investigation of cases of infant botulism across several states, with potential epidemiologic link to infant formula sold in the US. Details from the US CDC can be found at their [website](#).

Ontario Public Health Standards: Guidance

Local guidance for health care providers is found in the [Ontario Public Health Standards Appendix 1: Botulism](#), with key information provided below:

- If botulism is suspected, **immediate medical treatment is required**. Do not await laboratory confirmation before initiating treatment.
- If local health care providers encounter an infant with suspect botulism, please refer to the [Ministry of Health's Botulism Guide for Healthcare Professionals \(2023\)](#).
- Requests for **Botulinum Antitoxin (BAT)** and **Botulism Immune Globulin (BabyBig®)** process and contact information are found on **page 4** of the [Ministry of Health's Botulism Guide for Healthcare Professionals \(2023\)](#).
- **Report** any suspected or confirmed case of botulism to Lambton Public Health immediately by phone at 519-383-8331. Additional information can be found in our [reportable diseases list](#).