



**To: CAHAN San Diego Participants**

**Date: November 15, 2023**

**From: Public Health Services**

**Health Advisory: High Blood Lead Levels in Children Consuming Recalled Cinnamon Applesauce Pouches.**

#### Key Messages

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a [Health Alert Network](#) (HAN) due to the presence of high blood levels in children that have consumed WanaBana LLC Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree and Schnucks and Weis cinnamon applesauce pouches.
- Cases have been detected in multiple states and in young children ages 1 to 3 years.
- Clinicians should review the HAN for detailed recommendations on management and lead testing.

#### Situation

On October 28, 2023, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported a safety report after receiving reports of four children with elevated blood levels and subsequent detection of extremely high concentrations of lead in multiple lots of WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree. On October 28, 2023, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the detection of extremely high concentrations of lead in multiple lots of WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree. On October 31, 2023, WanaBana LLC initiated a voluntary [recall](#) of all WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree Pouches. On November 9, 2023, WanaBana LLC expanded their [recall](#) to include Schnucks and Weis cinnamon applesauce pouches. As of November 7, 2023, there are 22 cases, in multiple states, ages 1 to 3 years, with BLLs ranging from 4 to 29 micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ).

#### Actions Requested

1. Review the [CDC HAN](#) for detailed recommendations on counseling, screening, and actions.
2. Counsel patients or their caregivers and guardians not to eat specific cinnamon-containing apple purée or applesauce products named in the FDA recall announcements.
3. Consider lead exposure in the differential diagnosis of patients presenting with compatible clinical findings associated with lead poisoning.
  - Clinicians should contact their local poison center (1-800-222-1222) for advice on diagnosing and managing lead toxicity.
4. For questions contact: [County of San Diego Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program](#) or call (619) 692-8487.

Thank you for your participation.

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