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**Re: Recall of Applesauce Pouches Because of High Lead Content**

Dear Community Partner,

The Erie County Department of Health would like your support in raising awareness of the following public health concern.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has **recalled** these brands of cinnamon apple puree and applesauce products because they **may contain elevated levels of lead**:

- WanaBana-brand apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches, individual and three packs
- Schnucks-brand cinnamon-flavored applesauce pouches and variety packs
- Weis-brand cinnamon applesauce pouches

**What to do if you have these brands**

- Do not eat these brands. If you or your children have eaten these brands, talk to your doctor about lead testing and any other health questions you may have.
- Do not give away or sell these pouches.
- Destroy the pouches. Carefully open the pouch and empty the contents into a trash can. Throw away the packaging. Clean up any spills and then wash your hands.

**Why this is a concern**

- Lead is toxic to people of any age but children 5 years old and younger are most at risk.
- Exposure to lead can cause damage to the brain and nervous system, which may cause slowed growth and development, learning and behavior problems, and hearing and speech problems.
- Lead exposure in children can be difficult to see because most children have no obvious symptoms right away. Some symptoms are headache, stomachache, vomiting and weakness.

**Other resources**

- For more information about lead poisoning, call the **Pennsylvania Department of Health Lead Information Line 1-800-440-5323**.

Thank you.

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