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## Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas Responds to Formula Shortage May 16, 2022

### How We Are Helping

A nationwide formula shortage is attributed to serious safety recalls and supply shortcomings among a limited number of U.S. formula manufacturers.

Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas is currently assisting families within the parameters of the nonprofit's mission to prioritize donor human milk for premature and fragile infants.

For healthy babies, donor human milk is a limited resource that isn't a viable alternative to formula. However, babies diagnosed with special medical conditions can qualify for donor milk; for example, a baby who relies on nutrition from a recalled specialized formula for kidney failure. Parents of babies with a medical need for donor milk are urged to call the milk bank at 817-810-0071.

As an advocate for breastfeeding mothers, the milk bank offers free breastfeeding support groups where families can get help from a certified lactation consultant. This program, called Baby Café, is available in Fort Worth, Dallas and on a virtual platform. Details can be found at [www.texasmilkbank.org](http://www.texasmilkbank.org) under "Lactation Support".

### Resources for Parents of Healthy Babies

- Parents are urged to contact their pediatrician for guidance.
- Website resources:
  - American Academy of Pediatrics: [HealthyChildren.com](http://HealthyChildren.com)  
<https://healthychildren.org/English/tips-tools/ask-the-pediatrician/Pages/Are-there-shortages-of-infant-formula-due-to-COVID-19.aspx>
  - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
<https://www.hhs.gov/formula/index.html>

### Our Work

The milk bank serves infants in crisis every day. As a consequence of the pandemic and other factors, demand for donor milk has increased significantly over the past two years. From 2020 to 2021, dispensation increased by 35 percent.

### Safety

Mothers' Milk Bank has safely connected generous mothers to fragile babies for more than 17 years. Strict safety protocols protect vulnerable infants through rigorous donor screenings, milk processing standards and third-party testing.

### Milk Donors

Mothers with extra breastmilk complete a screening that includes a medical history and blood test. They are not compensated for their milk donations. Mothers interested in donating are urged to call [817-810-0071](tel:817-810-0071).