

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Manisha Juthani, MD  
Commissioner



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November 20, 2023

### Re: Lead exposure from applesauce

Dear Providers:

Since the end of October, the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been working with WanaBana US, Schnucks Markets Inc. & Weis Markets to voluntarily recall certain cinnamon applesauce products due to reports of elevated levels of lead found in these products.

#### Affected products sold in Dollar Tree and other stores and online at Amazon and other online outlets:

- WanaBana brand apple cinnamon fruit purée pouches
- Schnuck Market Inc. brand cinnamon-flavored applesauce pouches and variety pack
- Weis brand cinnamon applesauce pouches

**The Connecticut Department of Public Health seeks your assistance with reaching families who may have been affected:**

- **post** the attached images of the applesauce products in your office where families can see them
- **tell** parents to immediately stop using these products, discard them, and contact their pediatrician to have their child's lead level tested
- **provide** parents with lead poisoning prevention educational information since most children have no obvious or immediate symptoms of lead exposure

Parents with additional questions about specific products are encouraged to contact the companies:

- WanaBana at [support@wanabanafruits.com](mailto:support@wanabanafruits.com)
- Schnucks Customer Care team at 314-994-4400 or 1-800-264-4400
- Weis Customer Service number at 866-999-9347

Please see the attached CDC HAN for additional information. Any questions can be directed to Connecticut DPH Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (860) 509-7299.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Manisha Juthani.

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Commissioner

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## **WARNING: Recalled Cinnamon Apple Fruit Puree and Applesauce(s)**



### **Consumers Are Advised To:**

- Immediately stop using these products.
- Return it to the purchase place for a full refund or discard them.
- Contact their pediatrician to have their child's lead level tested.

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