UPDATES

Health notices · Tuesday 3 November

3 notices from the agencies today, in plain words, each with the original linked.

COVID-19 may disrupt child and maternal health services

WHO · News

If you are a parent of a child under five, or you are pregnant or recently gave birth, this matters. Surveys described in the notice say health checkups, vaccinations, and prenatal and post-natal care have been disrupted during the pandemic.

The notice warns that fear of infection and overrun health systems can mean families delay or miss care. It warns this could undo progress that helped many more children survive.

No specific action is listed in the notice. The message is that urgent support is needed to restart disrupted child and maternal health services and keep them working.

Read the original notice

Farm recalls organic toddler soft-baked bars for choking risk

CDC · Food safety

If you care for a toddler, this may affect you. Once Upon a Farm is recalling all lots and varieties of its fruit-flavored Tractor Wheel Organic Toddler Soft-Baked bars.

The company reports the snack can rapidly hydrate into a dense, dry, and sticky mass on contact with saliva and during chewing, which may pose a choking hazard.

The recall involves products from Once Upon a Farm in Berkeley, CA, published on 2026-10-31.

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FDA approval of TRIMETHOPRIM tablets to treat certain infections

FDA · Approval

If you're prescribed TRIMETHOPRIM (sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim) for an infection, it's meant to treat or prevent certain bacterial infections that are proven or strongly suspected to be caused by susceptible bacteria.

The label lists uses such as urinary tract infections, acute otitis media (ear infection in children), acute exacerbations of chronic bronchitis, shigellosis, and Pneumocystis jiroveci pneumonia in documented cases and in some immunosuppressed people as prevention.

It is also listed for traveler's diarrhea in adults. The label emphasizes using it only when bacterial causes are likely and using culture/susceptibility information when available.

What to do

Read the original notice

- Use TRIMETHOPRIM only to treat or prevent infections proven or strongly suspected to be caused by susceptible bacteria, as directed by your clinician.

Where this comes from

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