UPDATES

Health notices · Wednesday 4 November

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

COVID-19 disrupted access to HIV medicines in many countries

WHO · News

WHO reports that 73 countries warned of potential stock-outs (running out) of HIV antiretroviral medicines because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 24 countries, some people were already facing critically low stock or delivery disruptions.

ARVs (HIV medicines that control the virus) help you manage HIV and reduce onward sexual transmission. WHO says limited transport, supplier delays, and reduced access to health services contributed to these shortages.

WHO says countries are trying to keep treatment going, including using "multi-month dispensing" (prescribing medicines for longer periods, up to six months) and working on flights, supply chains, and community delivery. Ask your HIV care team if your plan is affected.

What to do

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- Follow your HIV care team's instructions about keeping access to your HIV treatment, including any "multi-month dispensing" they offer.

FDA Class I recall of Argatroban Injection due to particles

FDA · Recall

If you take argatroban injection, the US Food and Drug Administration says some single-dose vials have been found with particulate matter (small particles) in the solution.

This Class I recall was reported as distributed nationwide within the United States.

What you need to do next: follow your prescriber's instructions about whether your specific vial is affected, and do not use any vials your pharmacy tells you to stop.

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Brad's Raw Chips recall for possible thallium contamination

CDC · Food safety

If you bought Brad's Crunchy Kale & Veggie Chips, this recall may affect you. Snack Right Super Foods, Inc., dba Brad's Raw Chips, is recalling specific kale and veggie chip products.

The products being recalled are Brad's Plant Based Crunchy Kale (2 oz) and Brad's Veggie Chips Kale (3 oz). They may contain thallium, an element that can be harmful if you're exposed.

This recall was published on 2026-11-02, and it was announced from Coral Gables, FL.

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Where this comes from

- COVID-19 disrupted access to HIV medicines in many countries

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  CDC - food safety · https://tools.cdc.gov/podcasts/download.asp?m=316422&c=766791