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MEMORANDUM

To: City/County Commissioners of Health/Public Health Directors
City/County Directors of Environmental Health
District Directors

From: Michael J. Cambridge, Director
Division of Environmental Health Protection

Date: April 13, 2015

Subject: IMPORTANT FDA Notice to Public Health Officials on Risk of Lead Poisoning in Children Posed by Use of Bo Ying Compound

In an effort to share important product safety information, attached is a recent Notice from the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding a consumer product known as "Bo Ying Compound" that may contain excessive levels of lead.

Bo Ying Compound is a powdered product marketed for treatment of influenza, fever, sneezing and nasal discharge in infants and children. The product is labeled in Chinese and English and is marketed in retail outlets and online. FDA is asking local health departments for assistance in disseminating consumer warnings to retail outlets that serve Asian communities or are otherwise thought to carry this product. Consumers should be advised to discontinue use and to discard the product. Parents and caregivers who may have given Bo Ying Compound to their children should consult a health care provider for evaluation and possible blood lead testing. Lead program staff should consider this as a possible source of lead when investigating a report of a child with an elevated blood lead level. Additional information is available in the attached Notice from the FDA. Please feel free to share the FDA Notice with your local healthcare providers.

If you have any questions or if this product has been found to be sold in a retail outlet, please contact Tom Carroll at (518) 402-7600 or Thomas.Carroll@health.ny.gov. The information concerning the store location and product will be forwarded to the FDA for further action.

Attachment

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