Safe Preparation of High Calorie Breastmilk with Liquid Infant Formula Concentrate

Sanitize feeding equipment

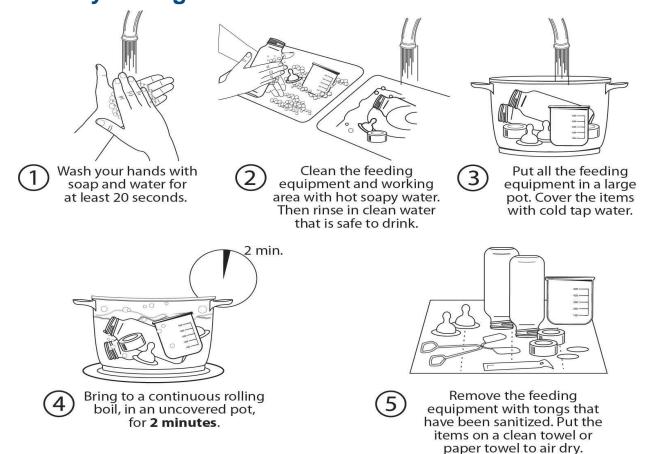
Sanitize equipment until your baby is 4 months old. After 4 months old, make sure the equipment is cleaned well with hot soapy water and rinsed with clean water that is safe to drink.

Sanitize feeding equipment before use. Feeding equipment is not fully sanitized until it has been boiled or sanitized in a dishwasher with the sanitize cycle or sanitized in a steam sanitizer.

You will need bottles and nipples, can opener, dish soap, liquid measuring cup, liquid infant formula concentrate, and sanitized tongs.

If you don't use the sanitized bottles right away, wait until they are completely dry and then fully assemble them so the inside stays clean. Store all feeding equipment in a clean, protected area.

Sanitize by boiling



Sanitize by dishwasher or steam sanitizer

A dishwasher with the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) symbol can be used to sanitize the feeding equipment if the sanitize cycle is used. You can check online to see if the dishwasher is NSF certified. You can also use an electric or microwave steam sanitizer (including microwave steam bags). Follow the instructions for the sanitizer you use.



Prepare high calorie breastmilk

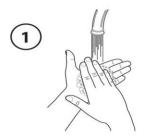
Breastmilk can be used right away, stored in the fridge for up to 96 hours, or frozen in 100 mL amounts for later use.

Mark the date and time the breastmilk was expressed if not using right away. Thaw frozen breastmilk in a bowl of warm water (until just thawed but still cold) or in the fridge and use within 24 hours after thawing. Swirl gently before using.

Prepare high calorie breastmilk as needed, not ahead of time.

Opened unmixed liquid infant formula concentrate can be kept covered in fridge for up to 48 hours.

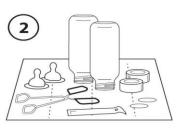
Throw away extra high calorie breastmilk after feeding. Any amount of unused formula left in the bottle should be thrown away after 2 hours. Do not return unused formula to the fridge or save it until the next feed.



Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



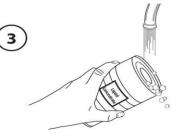
Shake the liquid concentrate.



Clean the work area with hot soapy water. Use sanitized feeding equipment.



If in a can, open the can with a sanitized can opener.



If formula is in a can, wash the top of the formula can with hot soapy water. Rinse with clean water that is safe to drink.



Follow the recipe your healthcare provider gave you for your baby. Measure the exact amount of liquid formula concentrate into the bottle. Measure the exact amount of breastmilk and add it to the liquid formula concentrate in the bottle. Screw lid on bottle. Shake well.

Optional: Warm the high calorie breastmilk. Never use a microwave to heat formula. If heating the bottle to feed your baby, put it in a bowl of warm water until it reaches a warm temperature, for no longer than 15 minutes. Do not cover the lid/nipple with water when warming as this can lead to contamination of the formula. Gently shake or swirl formula to mix. Test the formula on your wrist to make sure it's just warm, not hot.

Storing breastmilk

Fresh breastmilk without formula added will last:

- Up to 4 hours at room temperature
- Up to 96 hours in the refrigerator

Frozen breastmilk without formula added will last:

- Thawed in fridge for 24 hours
- 2 weeks in a freezer inside the fridge
- 3 months in a freezer attached to the fridge
- 12 months in a deep freezer

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