Thank you Rachel...for thinking of me to be a part of the "White House/HHS/USDA Infant Formula Briefing for Anti-Hunger/Nutrition Stakeholders". Not only was it very appropriate to my field in Nutrition, it was information that can be shared with membership.

Health Human Services:

a. Abbott nutrition has begun production of specialty formulas
b. Guidance of international safe imports
c. Operation Flight Formula: once formula arrives FDA signs off and the companies that normally distribute are giving the formula to leverage their existing supply chain avenues. Specialty formulas provided to hospitals and medical supplies distribution facilities, again for their access to distribution.

HHS - Public Health - messaging

a. HHS.gov/formula
b. different brands of formula can be used
c. Do not water down formula
d. Do not use toddler formula to feed infants
e. Push HHS formula out to Networks

USDA-WIC - Ali Hard

a. MOU with FDA since February to ensure WIC babies have access to safe formula.
b. Over 100 waives were issued in first 3 days
c. Abbott provided waives in the States they are the contract formula
d. Access to baby formula act was passed and no longer need to wait for the Public Health Emergency
e. looking into providing more formula and buy non-contracted formulas
f. Allow different sizes to be approved for purchase
g. Purchase formula from Flyformula - inform HHS so WIC is prioritized
h. Food Nutrition Service - in constant contact with FDA /HHS

White House resource: whitehouse.gov/formula

This was a briefing in a webinar format, for only 30 mins, with no press allowed.