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FDA Public Health Notice

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has notified state, local, tribal and territorial public health officials regarding Bo Ying Compound, an herbal product. It is a powdered product marketed for treatment of influenza, fever, sneezing and nasal discharge in infants and children and may contain excessive levels of lead. The product is labeled in Chinese and English and is marketed in retail outlets and online. Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) warns parents and caregivers not to buy or use Bo Ying Compound, due to the potential risk of lead poisoning.

Children are especially sensitive to lead exposures, and any lead exposure should be avoided. Exposure to lead can cause serious damage to the central nervous system, the kidneys, and the immune system. In children, chronic exposure to lead, even at low levels, is associated with impaired cognitive function, including reduced IQ, behavioral difficulties, and other problems.

OCHD advises Oneida County residents to be aware of lead found in Bo-Ying Compound manufactured by Eu Yan Sang in Hong Kong. "This product is also manufactured by other companies and may also contain lead so people are urged not to use any Bo-Ying Compound products," the health department said. It is advised that all consumers discontinue use and discard the product.

Phyllis Ellis, OCHD Director recommends, "Anyone who has used these products or given them to a child should consult their health care provider for evaluation and possible need for blood-lead testing."

To date, no cases of lead poisoning linked to these products have been reported in Oneida County, however it's likely that these products could be available and in use in our county.

The OCHD has additional information on common sources of lead and ways to prevent exposure. For more information please contact The Oneida County Lead Prevention Program at (315) 798-6486 or www.ocgov.net.

Attached is a photo of the product.

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