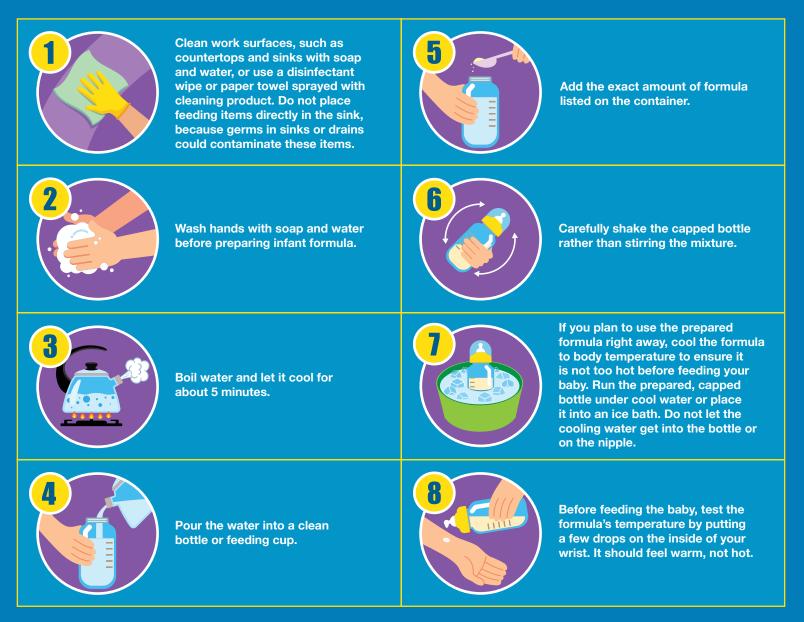
Help Prevent Cronobacter Illness:

Prepare and Store Powdered Infant Formula Safely

In most cases, it is safe to mix powdered infant formula following manufacturer's instructions. But if your baby is less than 2 months old, was born prematurely, or has a weakened immune system, you may want to take the following extra steps to prepare your formula with hot water (at least 158°F/70°C) to help protect against *Cronobacter:*



Use prepared infant formula within 1 hour from start of feeding and within 2 hours of preparing it. If your baby does not finish the entire bottle of formula, throw away leftover formula.

If you do not plan to start feeding your baby with the prepared formula right away, refrigerate it immediately. Use refrigerated formula within 24 hours. If you can't remember how long you have kept formula in the refrigerator, it is safer to throw it out than to feed it to your baby. For more information visit <u>www.cdc.gov/cronobacter</u>

