

In wake of Environmental Working Group's glyphosate-cereal report, Chicago day care bans Cheerios

A North American day care company with nine Chicago-area locations has stopped serving Cheerios in response to a recent report from [the Environmental Working Group on August 15th] showing [traces] of [the] weed killer [glyphosate] in the popular finger food for toddlers.

"I think we need to err on the side of caution and make the decision that any possibility is too great," said Jackie Kardesh, director of marketing and operations for Kids & Co., which operates centers in Chicago, Schaumburg and Geneva

Meanwhile, local pediatricians caution that the report from the Environmental Working Group should not spark panic about dangers in popular breakfast foods.

"Whenever you see a one-off article like that, you have to do more investigation," said Dr. Scott Goldstein, a pediatrician for the Northwestern Children's Practice

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Dr. Nicola Orlov, an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Chicago, said the barrage of reports on potential risks in products can be overwhelming for parents, and she hears from many of them in her practice.

"It's easy to go crazy as a parent if you read every study that comes out, and you can probably be led to decide that exclusively breastfeeding your child for their entire life is the only option," Orlov joked.

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