

# Be Antibiotics Aware!

## » KEY MESSAGES:

Even some bacteria don't need antibiotics!

- 1 Antibiotics can (and do) save lives.
- 2 Antibiotics do NOT treat viruses.
- 3 Antibiotics are needed for only certain bacterial infections.
- 4 An antibiotic will NOT make you feel better if you have a virus.
- 5 When antibiotics aren't needed, they won't help you & side effects could still hurt you.
- 6 Taking antibiotics can lead to antibiotic resistance.
- 7 If you need antibiotics, take them EXACTLY as prescribed.
- 8 Talk with your healthcare provider if you have any side effects.
- 9 Do your best to keep yourself & those around you healthy!
- 10 Antibiotics are NOT always the answer.



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For more information about Antibiotic Use, please visit:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/about.html>