Antibiotics aren't always the answer





Antibiotics can save lives

It's important for everyone's health to use antibiotics ONLY when needed



Antibiotics will NOT help you feel better for viral infections:

Cold, runny nose, bronchitis, chest cold, flu

Taking antibiotics when you don't need them can cause harm:

Diarrhea, skin rash, yeast infections

Antibiotic resistance can cause antibiotics to not work when you need them



SMART FACTS about ANTIBIOTIC use



Antibiotics are LIFE-SAVING drugs and should only be used when needed



Antibiotics DO NOT help most sore throats



Antibiotics only treat BACTERIAL infections



Green colored mucus is NOT a sign that an antibiotic is needed



Some ear infections and many sinus infections CAN GET BETTER without antibiotics



There are RISKS when taking medications

For more information, visit:

https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/ uofl.edu/ky-antibiotic-awareness

Be sure to watch and share our fun video on antibiotic awareness!

