Antibiotics are strong medicines. Keep them that way. Prevent antibiotic resistance.

Antibiotics don’t fight viruses – they fight bacteria. Using antibiotics for viruses can put you at risk of getting a bacterial infection that is resistant to antibiotic treatment. Talk to your doctor or other healthcare provider about antibiotics, visit www.cdc.gov/getsmart, or call 1-888-246-2675 to learn more.

**WARNING:** Antibiotics don’t work for viruses like colds and the flu. Using them for viruses will NOT make you feel better or get back to work faster.