

# U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week

## November 18-24, 2022

Join the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in promoting the observance of U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week, raising awareness of the harms posed by antibiotic resistance (AR), and emphasizing the importance of appropriate antibiotic use (AU) and antibiotic stewardship (AS) programs.



### HOW CAN YOU RAISE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ANTIBIOTICS?

#### Read and share facts about AR, AU, and AS

- [CDC COVID-19: U.S. Impact on Antimicrobial Resistance, Special Report 2022](#)
- [CDC Antibiotic Use in the United States: Progress and Opportunities](#)
- [CDC Antibiotic Resistance and Patient Safety Portal](#) (ARPSP) website
- CDC Common Illness Webpages: Updated [English](#) and [Spanish](#) resources
- [CDC 5 Ways Community Pharmacists Can be Antibiotics Aware](#)
- [CDC Verify Penicillin Allergy](#)
- [CDC Effective Communication with Residents and Families in Nursing Homes](#)

#### Attend a webinar or listen to a podcast

- Wednesday, November 16, 3-4 p.m. EST
  - CDC and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) webinar on [Antibiotic Decision-Making in Critical Access Hospitals](#)
- Saturday, November 19. American Society of Health-System of Pharmacists Podcast on [Pharmacists Leveraging the NHSN AU Option](#)
- Wednesday November 23rd, 1-2 p.m. EST
  - Minnesota Department of Health webinar on [Antibiotic Stewardship in Dentistry](#)

#### Go Light Blue for AR

Show your support for improving the use of antibiotics and antifungals by using light blue as a visual cue to think about the importance of these life-saving drugs.

For more information & resources, please visit:

- [VDH website](#)
- [CDC website](#)

#### Spread the word through social media using #AntimicrobialResistance and #USAAW22

- November 15, 7 p.m. EST: Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists, American Nurses Association, and CDC are co-hosting a live Twitter chat on a multidisciplinary approach to antimicrobial resistance in health care. Join the conversation [@SIDPharm](#), [@ANANursingworld](#), [@CDC\\_AR](#), and [@CDC\\_Firstline](#) using #AntimicrobialResistance and #USAAW22
- November 18, all day: 24-hour Global Twitter Conversation using #WAAW and #AntimicrobialResistance

