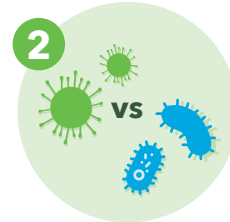


How does your antibiotic prescription impact others?



1 ANTIBIOTICS SHOULD ONLY BE USED WHEN NEEDED.

Some infections can resolve without use of antibiotics.



Antibiotics are **NOT EFFECTIVE AGAINST VIRUSES** and should only be used to treat bacterial infections.



Although antibiotics kill the bacteria causing the illness, they **CAN ALSO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE 'GOOD' BACTERIA** in your body.



Currently, **AT LEAST 700,000 PEOPLE DIE ANNUALLY** around the world due to drug-resistant diseases ([WHO, 2019](#)).



Only use antibiotics when **PRESCRIBED BY A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL**.



If your doctor advises you not to continue your prescription for any reason, ask how you should **DISPOSE OF THE ANTIBIOTICS PROPERLY**.



6 DO NOT 'SAVE' OR 'STORE' ANTIBIOTICS FOR LATER.

Take the full prescription as indicated. Be sure there is nothing left over.



5 TAKE EXACTLY AS PRESCRIBED.

Never save for later and do not share with others



CONTACT YOUR PRESCRIBING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL immediately if you have any questions or concerns.



9 ACKNOWLEDGE THE RISKS

when taking any medication. Make sure to ask your prescribing healthcare professional about risks before taking your prescription.



8 NEVER SHARE

ANTIBIOTICS and ensure they are stored safely away from children and pets.