

U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week November 18-24, 2023



At a glance

Individuals, organizations, and communities are invited to participate in U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week November 18-24, 2023, helping to raise awareness of the importance of addressing antibiotic and antifungal use, preventing infections in the first place, and combating antimicrobial resistance to help address health inequities. Health inequities resulting from less-than-optimal antibiotic or antifungal prescribing practices may impact health outcomes, resulting in an increase in antimicrobial resistance or antibiotic- or antifungal-associated adverse events in some populations.

RECOGNIZE YOUR ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The Virginia Department of Health would like to recognize all the amazing Virginia healthcare professionals focused on improving antimicrobial use. Please use the [VDH AS Team Tribute](#) form to recognize your team and give shout-outs to specific colleagues. This form will be open for submissions until COB **November 17**.

All recognition entries will be added to the [VDH Antibiotics Awareness Week Website](#) on **November 21**.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN USAAW

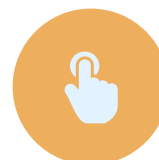
CDC is asking participants—individuals, organizations, and communities—to “Go Purple” to show your support for improving the use of antibiotics and antifungals by using purple as a visual cue. During USAAW, use purple to represent the diverse people, industries, organizations, and communities affected by AR and whose actions have the power to address AR.

Individuals, companies, and communities can:

- Wear purple
- Bring purple to your online presence by sharing pictures on your social media, tagging #AntimicrobialResistance, #USA AW23, and #PurpleForAR



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UPCOMING WEBINARS

- Tuesday, November 14, 2 p.m. EST, Urgent Care Association**
Topic: **Improving antibiotic use in urgent care settings**, featuring: Memo Sanchez, Patrick Dolan
[Register Now!](#)
- Tuesday, November 14, 3-4 p.m. EST, CDC/Health Resources and Services Admin. Federal Office of Rural Health Policy**
Topic: **National Healthcare Safety Network Antibiotic Use Option: Using Data for Action in Critical Access Hospitals**, featuring: Amy Webb, Marc Meyer, Keriann Bennett, Libby Dodds-Ashley
[Register Now!](#)
- Wednesday, November 15, 3 p.m. EST, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists**
Topic: **Antibiotic Stewardship 2023: CDC Updates and Case Examples using National Healthcare Safety Network Antimicrobial Use Option**, featuring: Arjun Srinivasan, Libby Dodds-Ashley, Travis Jones
[Register Now!](#)

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Help spread the word with family, friends, and colleagues so they can also get involved. Follow @CDC_AR, engage throughout the week, and jump into X (formerly Twitter) chats using #AntimicrobialResistance, #USA AW23, or #WAAW.

- **Tuesday, November 14, 8-9 p.m. EST** - Use #AbxEquity and #USA AW23 to join a live chat on optimal antibiotic use and health equity
- **Thursday, November 16, Global X (formerly Twitter) Storm, 10-11a.m. EST** - Join @CDC_AR in sharing messages about improving antibiotic use and combating antimicrobial resistance, using #AntimicrobialResistance and #WAAW

Improve Antibiotic Use, Improve Health Equity

