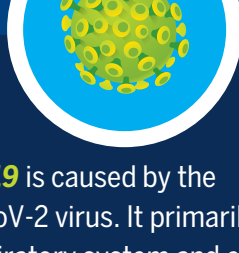


COVID-19 & ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE: DUAL HEALTH THREATS

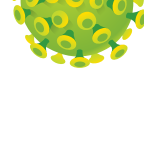


COVID-19 is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. It primarily affects the respiratory system and can lead to severe complications, requiring hospitalization. There is currently no known cure.



Antimicrobial Resistance occurs when microbes (bacteria, fungi, and viruses) develop ways to survive against, or resist, medicines called antimicrobials that are designed to treat infections.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BY THE END OF 2020:



2,000,000+ people will have died due to COVID-19¹



700,000+ people will have died due to drug-resistant infections²

Those most vulnerable to COVID-19 are also most vulnerable to drug-resistant infections³:

Over Age 65

With compromised IMMUNE SYSTEMS

With CHRONIC HEALTH conditions

60% of Americans have **at least one chronic disease**⁴

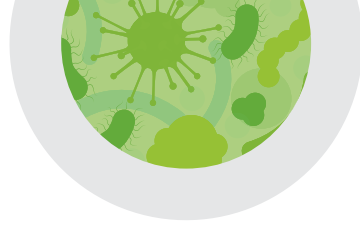
HOW DOES COVID-19 CONTRIBUTE TO AMR?

Early antibiotic therapy for COVID-19 patients was as high as

87.7% in some hospitals⁶



Only **6.9%** of COVID-19 patients were found to have bacterial co-infections or secondary infections⁶



HOW CAN WE FIGHT COVID-19 & AMR?

WITH DIAGNOSTICS:

- 1 Reduce unnecessary antibiotic use** with shorter turnaround times for COVID-19 tests⁵
- 2 Differentiate between viral and bacterial infections** to determine the best course of treatment
- 3 Make informed decisions about when antibiotic therapy can be safely discontinued**

WITH VACCINES:

- 1 Reduce COVID-19 infections**
- 2 Reduce the potential for unnecessary antibiotic use**
- 3 Decrease the likelihood of spreading drug resistance⁷**

Includes COVID-19 vaccines that are in development, annual flu vaccines, vaccines against common childhood illnesses, and others for vaccine-preventable diseases

WITH PUBLIC POLICY:

- 1 CMS requires most hospitals to have antimicrobial stewardship programs** that adhere to nationally recognized guidelines.⁸
- 2 PACCARB provides advice, information, & recommendations** to the U.S. government.⁹
- 3 Introduction of bills such as the PASTEUR Act support development of new antibiotics & appropriate use of existing antibiotics.**¹⁰

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE:

- 1 Follow your doctor's instructions** for treatment when you are sick.
- 2 Do not share antibiotics** or other prescription medications with other people
- 3 Take infection prevention measures:** wash your hands, wear a mask in public places, & practice safe social distancing.

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