

WAIT!

YOU MAY
NOT
NEED AN
ANTIBIOTIC

Viruses cause
coughs, colds,
runny noses,
most sore throats
and bronchitis.

Antibiotics cannot
cure viruses.

Antibiotics **ONLY**
help infections
caused by bacteria.



To learn more about antibiotics, visit www.health.state.ny.us

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