THIS IS ONLY A DRILL!!! ANTHRAX DRILL POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS DRUGS

AMOXICILLIN 500-mg ORAL CAPSULES (PILLS)

You have been given this drug to prevent potential Anthrax infection after a biohazard alarm in your facility. <u>Begin taking this medicine immediately</u> and continue until instructed to stop. You will be informed if you need and additional supply of the drug if Anthrax is positively found in the facility.

Amoxicillin belongs to a class of drugs called *penicillin* antibiotics It has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat people with infections caused by certain types of bacteria.

How to Take Amoxicillin

Dosage: Take 1 pill 3 times a day (every 8 hours)

- Take amoxicillin with a large glass of water.
- This medicine can be taken with or without food. Taking with food may decrease the chance that upset stomach will occur.
- <u>If you miss a dose</u>, start again taking 1 pill three times a day. Do not take 2 pills to make up for the missed dose.
- <u>Finish all your pills, even if you feel okay</u>, unless your doctor tells you to stop. If you stop taking this medicine too soon, you may become ill.

Side Effects

- Common side effects of amoxicillin include an upset stomach, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- If you have problems with any of these symptoms, tell your doctor.

Allergic Reactions Are Rare

Signs of an allergic reaction are rash, itching, swelling of the tongue, hands or feet, fever, or trouble breathing. If any of these occur, call your doctor immediately.

Precautions

- Birth control pills may not work as well when taking this medication. Be sure to <u>use condoms or another form of birth control</u> until you have finished the entire course of treatment.
- In women, amoxicillin can cause vaginal itching and discharge commonly known as a yeast infection. Tell your doctor if this happens.

If you have questions call your doctor or 1-888-xxx-xxxx