

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
September-October 2023 Report**

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2023)

<https://apic.org/publications/enews/>

10/11/23	<p>APIC Board Goes to Capitol Hill On October 10, APIC’s Board of Directors had its annual Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. Following their Board meeting at APIC headquarters, 12 members of the Board visited 25 Congressional offices to educate Representatives, Senators, and their staffs about the role of an infection preventionist, and ask for their support for APIC priority issues</p>
10/4/23	<p>O&M Halyard Resumes Sales of N95s O&M Halyard announced that it is resuming sales and shipments of HALYARD* N95 products. Particle filtration test failures, which resulted in a voluntary recall, have been corrected and tested and reviewed by NIOSH and FDA. Read more for a list of specific models covered by this announcement.</p>
9/20/23	<p>NIOSH Updated Certified Equipment List NIOSH has updated and reformatted its Certified Equipment List. This tool can be used to find NIOSH Approved® respirators and allows for quick searches for identifying respirators of current interest. NIOSH encourages users to update their bookmarks to point to the new Certified Equipment List page.</p>
8/30/23	<p>CDC COCA News: Outbreak of Antifungal-Resistant Ringworm Infections The CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) group reports outbreaks of antifungal-resistant ringworm infections have been identified by public health officials in New York City, as well as several other U.S. states, Canada, Asia, and Europe. Although ringworm is usually a minor ailment that can be treated with topical antifungal medications, some current outbreaks are caused by <i>Trichophyton indotineae</i>, a fungus that is resistant to first-line ringworm treatments. Read more about CDC recommendations for clinicians.</p>

Texas Register and Legislation (2022-2023)

<p>http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml https://capitol.texas.gov/</p> <p align="right">Key: X Pending</p> <p>Last Review Completed: 10/30/2023</p> <p>Current Search Parameters for Review: 25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200 30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y</p>				
X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules/SB/H B	Topic / Comments
	11/15/22	adopted	25 TAC §133.53	Requires hospitals licensed under Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 241 to disclose price information and maintain & make publicly available a list of standard charges for certain hospital items and services. Includes publishing the list or a link to the list in a prominent location on the home page of the hospital's website.
X	1/25/23	Referred to Human Services	HB 1593	Requires infection prevention and control programs and other measures for communicable diseases at certain long-term care facilities; authorizes an administrative penalty.

X	1/23/23	Referred to Public Health	HB 1522	Requires the compilation and publication of information on confirmed or probable cases of reportable diseases.
X	11/18/22	Referred to Public Education	HB 777	Prohibits face covering mandates for public school students, prohibits public schools from requiring students to provide documentation of COVID-19 vaccination, and allows public schools to implement COVID-19 screening & infection control protocols.
X	1/12/23	SB403 out of House Committee	HB 1313/SB 403	Relating to a study on the side effects, adverse reactions, including death, and the effectiveness of vaccines against the SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19) or its variants.
X	2/15/23	Referred to State Affairs	SB 308	Relating to prohibited vaccination status discrimination and requirements for COVID-19 vaccines; authorizing administrative penalties. Healthcare facilities are included in this bill.
X	3/9/23	Left pending in committee	HB 4440	Relating to state and local government responses to a pandemic disaster, including the establishment of the Pandemic Disaster Legislative Oversight Committee.
X	10/9/23	Passed Senate & House	SB 7	Relating to prohibiting a private employer from adopting or enforcing certain COVID-19 vaccine mandates; authorizing an administrative penalty.
X	10/9/23	Introduced	SB 41	Relating to prohibited vaccination status discrimination and requirements for COVID-19 vaccines; authorizing administrative penalties.
X	10/6/23	Introduced	HB 84/SB 13/HB 16/HB 88/HB 65	Relating to informed consent before provision of certain medical treatments and exemptions from COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

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