

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
February 2024 Report**

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2024)

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2/13/24	The World Health Organization (WHO) extended the deadline for participation in its multi-level, global survey on implementation of minimum requirements for IPC at the national and healthcare facility levels. The new deadline is March 10 . Facilities may participate through the WHO IPC Portal . Learn more.
2/14/24	New Data on COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness New data from CDC show that the updated COVID-19 vaccines were effective against COVID-19 during September 2023 – January 2024, including against variants from the XBB lineage, which is included in the updated vaccine, and JN.1, a new variant that has become dominant in recent weeks. Read more.
2/14/24	CDC Urges Mpox Vaccination Although mpox cases in the U.S. have significantly declined since the outbreak peak in 2022, small clusters and severe manifestations continue to occur. The CDC encourages providers to remain diligent about recommending the two-dose JYNNEOS vaccine to those who are eligible to help reduce the risk of continued mpox transmission. Read more.
2/14/24	CDC Releases Updated AR Investment Map The CDC released the latest version of its antimicrobial resistance (AR) investment map, highlighting CDC’s funding to combat the U.S. and global AR threat. In FY 2023, the agency invested in detection, containment, prevention, and innovation projects in every U.S. state and over 20 other countries. Explore the updated AR investment map .
2/21/24	Additional Recalls Associated with Nurse Assist Recalled Products In direct response to the November 2023 recall of saline and sterile water products manufactured by Nurse Assist, LLC (see APIC eNews, November 15, 2023), distributors and manufacturers of kits and trays containing the recalled products are initiating voluntary recalls. Read the FDA safety communication, including a list of recalled products.
2/21/24	NIOSH Rescinds Respirator Approval The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has honored a request by Masprot S.C., El. LTDA to voluntarily rescind eight NIOSH respirator approvals issued to Masprot S.C., El. LTDA. As of February 13, 2024, any respirator bearing the following approval numbers may no longer be used, manufactured, assembled, sold, or distributed: TC-23C-1918, TC-84A-2749, TC-84A-2864, TC-84A-2529, TC-23C-0872, TC-84A-2671, TC-84A-2826, TC-84A-4633. Read more.
2/28/24	CDC Indicates 2023-2024 Respiratory Virus Season Is Likely Past Peak CDC indicators show that after a late December surge, respiratory virus activity has been declining for weeks. However, respiratory disease activity remains elevated, and some flu activity indicators have increased again. Learn more.

Texas Register and Legislation (2024)

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