

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
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APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2022-2023)

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7/6/22	<p>CDC Recommends Higher Dose Flu Vaccine for Seniors The CDC adopted ACIP's recent preferential recommendation for the use of higher-dose flu or adjuvanted flu vaccines over standard-dose unadjuvanted flu vaccines for people 65 years and older. Read the CDC announcement. Read more.</p>
7/12/22	<p>The FDA revised the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir), to authorize state-licensed pharmacists to prescribe Paxlovid to eligible patients, with certain limitations to ensure appropriate patient assessment and prescribing of Paxlovid for treatment of COVID-19. Read more.</p>
7/12/22	<p>The CDC has provided orthopoxvirus tests to five commercial laboratory companies to increase monkeypox testing capacity and access in every community. The lab companies include Aegis Science, Labcorp, May Clinic Laboratories, Quest Diagnostics, and Sonic Healthcare. Read more</p>
7/12/22	<p>The CDC is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to inform clinicians and public health departments that parechovirus (PeV) is currently circulating in the United States. Since May 2022, CDC has received reports from healthcare providers in multiple states of PeV infections in neonates and young infants. Read more.</p>
7/12/22	<p>CDC Update Guidance for Use of PPE in LTC CDC has released updated guidance for the use of PPE in nursing homes to prevent the spread of multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs). This guidance expands the use of Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) to include any residents of a nursing home with an indwelling medical device or wound, as well as residents with known infection or colonization with an MDRO. These updated recommendations are meant to protect nursing home residents and staff from spreading MDROs while avoiding restrictions on resident activities or a need for private rooms, unlike with Contact Precautions. Read more.</p>
7/20/22	<p>COVID-19 PHE Extended The U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) has renewed the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), effective July 15. The PHE declaration, first issued in January 2020, must be renewed every 90 days. HHS will provide states at least 60 days' notice prior to termination of the PHE. Read more.</p>
7/20/22	<p>FDA Issues EUA for Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine The FDA issued emergency use authorization for the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine, adjuvanted for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older. Novavax is administered as a primary series in two doses, three weeks apart. Read more.</p>
7/20/22	<p>APIC/SHEA Request Change in Terminology for COVID Community Transmission APIC and SHEA sent a letter to CDC Director Rochelle Walensky requesting that CDC rename "COVID-19 Community Transmission Levels" guidance. Members of both organizations have observed confusion among healthcare clinicians between guidance for healthcare facilities and that for communities because of the similar language. We are recommending more descriptive language for the metrics intended for use by healthcare facilities to assess appropriate COVID-19 transmission mitigation strategies within facilities. Read more.</p>

Texas Register (2022-2023)

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>

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25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133,
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30 TAC: Chapter 330;
Subchapter Y

X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules/SB/HB	Topic / Comments
	1/26/22	Adopted	TAC25/Chapter 97	The Executive Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), on behalf of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), adopts an amendment to §97.7, concerning COVID-19 school exclusion criteria

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