

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee  
April 2016**

**NATIONAL ISSUES**

REMINDER: Read your weekly APIC E-News and visit APIC's Public Policy page for updates on federal issues

**APIC Public Policy (2016)**

<http://apic.org/Advocacy/Government-Affairs-and-Advocacy>

4/1/2016	FDA: Fecal Transplantation draft guidance for industry on enforcement of public policy regarding investigational new drug requirements for use of fecal microbiota for transplantation to treat C. difficile
3/18/2016	CDC/NIOSH: Monitoring and coordinating PPE in healthcare to enhance domestic preparedness for Ebola response
3/25/2016	FDA: Donor screening recommendations to reduce Zika transmissions

**APIC E-News Highlights (2016)**

<http://apic.org/Member-Services/Publications/E-News>

4/1/2016	Important updates included in March NHSN Newsletter
4/1/2016	CDC recommends Standard Precautions in healthcare settings to reduce Zika transmissions
4/1/2016	B. Braun recalls 5% Dextrose Injection
4/1/2016	NIOSH expands occupational health surveillance
4/1/2016	CDC updates Zika guidance
4/1/2016	National Quality Strategy celebrates 5-yr anniversary
3/24/2016	APIC joins coalition in support of antibiotic resistance funding
3/22/2016	FDA proposes ban on powdered medical gloves
3/22/2016	FDA approves Zika diagnostic tools
3/22/2016	CDC issues interim guidance for the safe care of survivors of Ebola Virus Disease
3/15/2016	Olympus issues new reprocessing instructions for TJF-160 F/VF
3/15/2016	FDA releases environmental assessment for field trial of genetically engineered mosquitoes

**Texas HAI/PAE Reporting Resources:**

Be sure and check the website below for updated information on facility requirements and/or sign up for e-mail updates:

**Texas HAI Homepage:** [http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection\\_control/hai/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection_control/hai/)

**Texas Register (2016)**

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

Last review: 4/1/16

25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200

30 TAC: Chapters 330, Subchapter Y

Date	Action	Chapter/Rule	Topic Comment
3/25/2016	Adopted	<b>25 TAC §§97.1 - 97.7, 97.13</b>	Clarifies conditions with required reporting and minimal reportable required information. Key addition Zika Virus was added to the notifiable conditions list effective April 3. Adds 6 emerging & neglected tropical diseases to diseases that will be monitored.