

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
November-December 2023 Report**

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2023)

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11/29/23	APIC Government Affairs Coalition Advocacy Throughout the year, APIC works with a variety of coalition partners to ensure policymakers learn about the needs of IPC. Click here to read some of the coalition letters sent to Congress, state legislatures, and more!
11/29/23	APIC Virtual Advocacy Sign up here to learn about how you can be an advocate for IPC right from your home
12/6/23	2022 National and State HAIs Progress Report Released CDC has published the 2022 National and State Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Progress Report . This report provides a summary of select HAIs across four healthcare settings: acute care hospitals (ACHs), critical access hospitals (CAHs), inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs), and long-term acute care hospitals (LTACHs). Learn more .
12/20/23	APIC 2024 Elections Results Are In! APIC members have elected the new 2024 President-elect, Secretary, and At-Large Directors to the APIC Board of Directors and new members to the Nominating and Awards Committee. These newly elected candidates will begin their terms in January 2024. View the election results .

Texas Register and Legislation (2022-2023)

http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml https://capitol.texas.gov/				
Last Review Completed: 01/04/2024				
Current Search Parameters for Review: 25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200 30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y				
Key:		X Pending		
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.
	1/25/23	Died	HB 1593	Requires infection prevention and control programs and other measures for communicable diseases at certain long-term care facilities; authorizes an administrative penalty.
	1/23/23	Died	HB 1522	Requires the compilation and publication of information on confirmed or probable cases of reportable diseases.
	11/18/22	Died	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.
	1/12/23	Died	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.
	2/15/23	Died	SB 308	Relating to prohibited vaccination status discrimination and requirements for COVID-19 vaccines; authorizing administrative penalties. Healthcare facilities are included in this bill.
	3/9/23	Died	HB 4440	Relating to state and local government responses to a pandemic disaster, including the establishment of the Pandemic Disaster Legislative Oversight Committee.
	10/9/23	Adopted	SB 7	Relating to prohibiting a private employer from adopting or enforcing certain COVID-19 vaccine mandates; authorizing an administrative penalty.
	10/9/23	Died	SB 41	Relating to prohibited vaccination status discrimination and requirements for COVID-19 vaccines; authorizing administrative penalties.
	10/6/23	Died	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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