

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee  
March 2023 DFW-APIC Meeting**

**APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2023)**

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

1/2023	<p>3M Scott Fire &amp; Safety issued a user safety notice for the C420 Powered Air-Purifying Respirator (PAPR) Blowers due to the potential for internal impeller disengagement from the blower motor. The disengagement may result in loss of powered air.</p> <p><a href="#">3M Scott PAPR User Safety Notice - APIC</a></p>
1/30/23	<p>The COVID-19 national emergency and public health emergency (PHE) were extended to May 11<sup>th</sup>. This extension is aligned with previous commitments to give 60 days' notice prior to the termination of the PHE.</p> <p><a href="#">SAP - H.R. 382 H.J. Res. 7 (whitehouse.gov)</a></p>
2/1/23	<p>The CDC released a HAN about an outbreak of extensively drug-resistant strain of carbapenem-resistant <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> associated with EzriCare Artificial Tears. The FDA issued a warning to immediately discontinue use of EzriCare Artificial Tears or Deslam Pharma's Artificial Tears.</p> <p><a href="#">Health Alert Network (HAN) - 00485   Outbreak of Extensively Drug-resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa Associated with Artificial Tears (cdc.gov)</a></p>
2/24/23	<p>The CDC is monitoring an increase in extensively drug-resistant <i>Shigella</i> infections. This is a potential serious public health concern. Please ensure prompt reporting to local and/or state health departments.</p> <p><a href="#">Health Alert Network (HAN) - 00486   Increase in Extensively Drug-Resistant Shigellosis in the United States (cdc.gov)</a></p>

**Texas Register and Legislation (2022-2023)**

<p><a href="http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml">http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml</a>  <a href="https://capitol.texas.gov/">https://capitol.texas.gov/</a></p> <p><b>Last Review Completed:</b> 2/24/2023</p> <p><b>Current Search Parameters for Review:</b>                  25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200                  30 TAC: Chapter 330;                  Subchapter Y</p> <p align="right"><b>Key:</b> X Pending</p>				
X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules/SB/HB	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	filed	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	filed	HB 1522	Requires the compilation and publication of information on confirmed or probable cases of reportable diseases.
X	11/18/22	filed	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	SB 403 referred to HHS	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.

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