

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

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2021-2022)

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11/18/21	Eliume COVID-19 Home Tests Recalled - FDA update 11/17/21
11/24/21	FDA and CDC Expand COVID-19 Booster Eligibility Following FDA's amended EUA for booster doses of the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines, the CDC approved updated recommendations from ACIP to increase eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots. Now, everyone 18 years and older is eligible for a booster.
11/24/21	CMS Revises Guidance on Nursing Home Visitation CMS released updated guidance that lifts restrictions on nursing home visitation that were imposed because of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Though new guidance still requires facilities to adhere to core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention, they can now no longer limit the frequency and length of visits for residents, the number of visitors, or require advance scheduling of visits. Read CMS memorandum QSO-20-39-NH .
11/24/21	CMS Announces Changes to COVID-19 Survey Activities CMS is revising guidance issued early in the COVID-19 public health emergency that limited surveys. Revisions include more flexibility in the timeframe of focused infection control surveys, resumption of standard recertification surveys, and increased oversight in nursing homes. Read CMS memorandum QSO-22-02-AL .
12/8/21	FDA Expands EUA for Monoclonal Antibody Treatment The FDA revised the EUA of bamlanivimab and etesevimab (previously authorized for pediatric patients 12 years of age and older) to include all younger pediatric patients, including newborns, who have a positive COVID-19 test and are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death. Read the FDA announcement .
12/13/21	Efficient Laboratories is voluntarily recalling Rompe Pecho products due to microbial contamination concerns. These products are used to treat symptoms of the flu and the common cold, and each are packaged in a box containing a bottle of the liquid product. Read the FDA recall announcement , which includes a list of recalled products. Edge Pharma, LLC is voluntarily recalling all lots of all drugs due to process issues that could lead to a lack of sterility assurance for products intended to be sterile and could impact the safety and quality of non-sterile products. Read the FDA recall notice .
12/13/21	FDA/CDC Approve Pfizer Booster for 16- and 17-Year Olds - FDA and CDC updates 12/9/21
12/27/21	12/27/21 -- OSHA announced that it is withdrawing the non-recordkeeping portions of the COVID-19 Healthcare Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) . The COVID-19 log and reporting provisions remain in effect. The agency urges healthcare employers to continue to implement the ETS's requirements. It will also continue to enforce requirements under the existing PPE and Respiratory Protection Standards to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards.
1/4/22	CDC Updates Isolation Recommendations for the Public - CDC update FDA and CDC Expand Pfizer Vaccine Recommendations - CDC and FDA update

Texas Register (2021-2022)

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

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25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133,
 135, 200
 30 TAC: Chapter 330;
 Subchapter Y

X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules/SB/HB	Topic / Comments
	3/1/21	<i>Referred to Public Health</i>	HB 591	Requires vaccination against bacterial meningitis for public school students
	6/15/21	<i>Signed by Governor – takes effect 9/1/21</i>	HB 2211	Pertaining to in-person hospital visitation during periods of disaster: The state government cannot issue a no visitor hospital order & all patients may have a visitor unless they fail screening or a physician documents they may not. Hospitals are allowed by law to require visitor PPE.
	10/7/21 & 10/12/21	<i>In Committee</i>	HB 155 & SB 51	Prohibiting COVID vaccine mandates

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