

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

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2023)

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3/10/23	<p>The CDC has released updated and expanded recommendations for the screening and testing for chronic HBV infection. New recommendations include hepatitis B screening using three laboratory tests at least once during a lifetime for adults aged 18 and older.</p> <p>Screening and Testing for Hepatitis B Virus Infection: CDC Recommendations — United States, 2023 MMWR</p>
3/13/23	<p>As the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) approaches its expected expiration on 5/11/23, the FDA is reviewing all guidance documents related to COVID-19 to determine which will remain in effect, which will expire, and which will be revised when the PHE expires. The ending of the PHE will not impact the FDA’s ability to authorize devices, treatments, or vaccines for emergency use. Existing emergency use authorizations will remain in effect.</p> <p>COVID-19-Related Guidance Documents for Industry, FDA Staff, and Other Stakeholders FDA</p>

Texas Register and Legislation (2022-2023)

<p>http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml https://capitol.texas.gov/</p> <p align="right">Key: X Pending</p> <p>Last Review Completed: 3/31/2023</p> <p>Current Search Parameters for Review: 25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200 30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y</p>				
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.
X	1/25/23	Referred to Human Services	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	Referred to Public Health	HB 1522	Requires the compilation and publication of information on confirmed or probable cases of reportable diseases.
X	11/18/22	Referred to Public Education	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	SB403 Coauthor authorized	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.
X	2/15/23	Referred to State Affairs	SB 308	Relating to prohibited vaccination status discrimination and requirements for COVID-19 vaccines; authorizing administrative penalties. Healthcare facilities are included in this bill.

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