

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

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2023)

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4/18/23	<p>NIOSH has identified numerous challenges that the PPE community experiences when trying to locate filtering facepiece respirator (FFR) shelf life information. NIOSH does not currently require approval holders to designate a shelf life for FFRs, deferring to approval holders to establish shelf life recommendations for their specific product. To assist PPE users, NIOSH developed a Personal Protective Equipment Conformity Assessment Studies and Evaluations Notes (PPE CASE Notes) one-pager on verifying shelf life for NIOSH-approved FFRs</p> <p>Verifying Shelf Life for NIOSH Approved® Filtering Facepiece Respirators NIOSH CDC</p>
4/19/23	<p>The FDA is recommending that consumers, healthcare providers and facilities not use certain surgical N95 respirators manufactured by O&M Halyard, and to use caution with certain surgical masks and pediatric face masks manufactured by O&M Halyard. Test results show certain models of these products do not meet quality and performance expectations and may not provide expected fluid barrier protection to the wearer.</p> <p>Risk of Protection Failure with Certain O&M Halyard Surgical N95 Respirators, Surgical Masks, and Pediatric Face Masks: FDA Safety Communication 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: 4/28/2023</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 Referred to Public Health	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.
X	3/9/23	Left pending in committee	HB 4440	Relating to state and local government responses to a pandemic disaster, including the establishment of the Pandemic Disaster Legislative Oversight Committee.

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