

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

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

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

7/6/23	NIOSH has honored a request by Honeywell International Inc. to voluntarily rescind its NIOSH respirator approval. As of June 29, 2023, any respirator marked with a NIOSH approval label with approval number TC-84A-9263 is no longer NIOSH approved. Respirators bearing this NIOSH approval number may no longer be used, manufactured, assembled, sold, or distributed. <a href="#">NIOSH Respiratory Protective Device Information (CA 2023-1060)   NPPTL   NIOSH   CDC</a>
7/7/23	The Joint Commission (TJC) is no longer evaluating compliance with the COVID-19 vaccination requirement. While the standard will remain present in the current manual, surveyors have been advised not to evaluate for compliance. The database will be updated and be reflected in the next standards release later this year.  <a href="#">Joint Commission no longer evaluating compliance with COVID-19 vaccination requirement   The Joint Commission</a>
7/25/23	The CDC's COVID Data Tracker is showing small increases in COVID-19. As of July 17, COVID-19 indicators, including emergency department visits, test positivity, and wastewater levels, have begun to show small increases nationally. In addition, hospital admissions have leveled off after steadily declining.  <a href="#">CDC Reports Uptick in COVID-19 Indicators - APIC</a>

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

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>  
<https://capitol.texas.gov/>

Key: X Pending

**Last Review**

**Completed:** 7/31/2023

**Current Search**

**Parameters for**

**Review:**

25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97,  
133, 135, 200

30 TAC: Chapter 330;  
Subchapter Y

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 out of House Committee	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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