

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
January 2024 Report**

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2024)

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1/3/24	Following manufacturers' plans to release additional doses of nirsevimab, the CDC updated its recommendations for use of the long-acting monoclonal antibody immunization to prevent RSV-associated lower respiratory tract disease in young children. CDC and ACIP now recommend that healthcare providers administer a single dose of nirsevimab to all infants aged less than 8 months, as well as children aged 8 through 19 months at increased risk of RSV. updated CDC recommendations.
1/9/24	The CDC is reporting increases in COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths in recent weeks as the prevalence of the JN.1 variant continues to rise in the U.S. and globally. While causing less severe illness than previous variants, JN.1 now accounts for approximately 62% of all currently circulating SARS-CoV-2 variants. CDC update.
1/9/24	The FDA announced that it considers vaporized hydrogen peroxide (VHP) to be an Established Category A method of sterilization for medical devices, recognizing VHP's long history of safety and effectiveness. Broader use of VHP is part of the FDA's multi-pronged approach to reducing the use of ethylene oxide (EtO) when possible. FDA news release.
1/9/24	NIOSH has rescinded approval of one A & Z Pharmaceutical respirator. As of 12/6/2023, any respirator with NIOSH approval number TC-84A-9307 is no longer NIOSH approved and may no longer be used, manufactured, assembled, sold, or distributed. NIOSH notice.
1/16/24	Effective July 1, 2024, The Joint Commission approved new and revised requirements for the "Infection Prevention and Control" (IC) chapter for critical access hospitals and hospitals. Read more.
1/24/24	Based on the significant interest in the draft recommendations for revisions to the Isolation Precautions Guidelines, CDC has asked HICPAC to reconsider some initial questions and comments before submitting the guideline into the <i>Federal Register</i> for public comment. In addition, CDC is working to expand the scope of technical backgrounds of participants on the HICPAC Isolation Guideline Workgroup and eventually among the HICPAC members. Read more in the CDC Safe Healthcare Blog.

Texas Register and Legislation (2024)

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				Texas Legislature is out of session, if any special sessions are called, the GAC team will ensure members are aware.