

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
April 2024 Report

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2024)

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| 4/3/24 | CDC Issues Updated Respiratory Virus Recommendations: The updated guidance, targeted to public audiences, identifies core prevention strategies to protect against respiratory viruses such as COVID-19, flu, and RSV, as well as additional strategies for people with certain risk factors for severe illness. Read the updated guidance. |
| 4/3/24 | CDC Alert: Increase in Invasive Meningococcal Disease: The CDC issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to alert healthcare providers to an increase in invasive meningococcal disease, mainly attributable to <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> serogroup Y. As of March 25, 2024, 143 cases have been reported to CDC for the current calendar year. Read the CDC HAN Health Advisory. |
| 4/10/24 | CDC Reports First Human Infection with Swine Flu in 2024: CDC reported the first human infection in the U.S. this year with an influenza A(H1N2) variant virus that normally spreads in pigs, not humans. The infection occurred in a person in Pennsylvania who had contact with pigs. No person-to-person transmission has been identified. Read more. |
| 4/10/24 | CDC Health Advisory: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Virus: CDC issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory with recommendations for identification, investigations, and response following a recently confirmed human infection with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) virus resulting from exposure to infected dairy cattle. The CDC website now features a new page dedicated to the current situation on HPAI A(H5N1) virus (“H5N1 bird flu”) in mammals. Read more about Influenza Type A Viruses. |
| 4/17/24 | CDC Updates Infection Control Guidelines for HCP CDC released the updated Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel: Epidemiology and Control of Selected Infections Transmitted Among Healthcare Personnel and Patients (cdc.gov) . This document supersedes the 1998 Guideline for Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel, Part E. The new sections include measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and special populations: pregnant healthcare personnel. Additional updates are forthcoming. Read more. |
| 4/17/24 | APIC Comments to Federal Agencies APIC provided comments this week to CMS on a proposed rule to strengthen oversight of Accrediting Organizations. APIC also responded to a CDC proposal to expand the number of fungal diseases for which data may be collected. |
| 4/24/24 | WHO Issues Report on Terminology for Pathogens that Transmit Through the Air: On April 18, the World Health Organization issued a global consultation report updating terminology for pathogens that transmit through the air. Access the press release. Access the report. |
| 4/24/24 | CMS Makes SNF VBP Program Early Look Performance Reports Available: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has made fiscal year 2026 Early Look Performance Score Reports for the Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing (SNF VBP) Program available to download via the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES). For additional information, a fact sheet, and user guide, visit the website. |
| 4/24/24 | CDC Issues Health Advisory About Risks from Counterfeit or Mishandled Botulinum Toxin Injections: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory related to the risks of counterfeit or mishandled botulinum toxin injections. They are working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and state and local partners to investigate clusters of 22 people in 11 U.S. states who have reported adverse effects after having received counterfeit botulinum toxin injections or injections administered by unlicensed or untrained individuals in settings such as homes or spas. Access the HAN. |

Texas Register and Legislation (2024)

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