

## 2022 Policy Statement Gaps

This list identifies gaps where APHA either does not have relevant policy statements or the existing policy statements are outdated. APHA aims to adopt policy statements with an evergreen approach, avoiding tying proposals to specific legislation or finite timeframes that could quickly outdate a policy statement. Any APHA member or APHA component considering submitting a policy statement proposal is strongly encouraged to review this list and collaborate with other APHA components in developing proposals, so that new proposed policy statements fill identified gaps.

- Update and expand current policy statements on firearm/gun violence prevention into a single comprehensive policy statement (archived [policy statements 9818](#) and [policy statement 200320](#))
- Update public health impact of U.S. immigration policies and needed reforms (update and combine archived [policy statements LB-10-02](#) and [200123](#))
- Update U.S. food policy/Farm Bill/food insecurity programs (update [policy statement 200712](#) or develop new proposals addressing key food policy issues)

### Policy statements identified for updating through archiving process

As of 2019, all active policy statements 20 years or older will be automatically archived following the Annual Meeting and beginning in 2024 all active policy statements 10 years or older will be automatically archived following the Annual Meeting unless deemed current after a thorough review by the Science Board and approved to remain as active by the Governing Council (see Scenario 3 below). In order to remain active, the science, references and action steps in the policy statement must be current.

The following policy statements will be automatically archived in 2022 and 2023. APHA members are asked to review the statements relevant to their constituencies and consider three potential options for each policy statement of interest:

- Scenario 1: Allow the policy statement to be archived. Any policy statements that do not fall under scenario 2 or 3 will be automatically archived following the Annual Meeting.
- Scenario 2: Update a policy statement scheduled for archiving. Policy statements submitted to update an existing policy statement scheduled to be archived will follow the regular policy statement development [guidelines](#) and [process](#). Once archived, policy statements may still be updated at any time via the regular [Policy Statement Development Process](#).

- Scenario 3: Request to keep active a policy statement proposed for archiving. If an APHA member believes that a policy statement scheduled for archiving is still current, they can submit a special request to the Science Board via [policy@apha.org](mailto:policy@apha.org) for review of the science, references and action steps of the policy statement set to be archived. A rationale for keeping the policy statement active and removing it from the consent agenda for archiving must accompany the request. Request must be submitted by June 1 of the year when the policy statement is scheduled to be archiving. Further details on the archiving review process and Science Board review criteria can be found on pg. 10 of the [Policy Statement Development Process](#) guidelines

#	Title	Update by <sup>1</sup>
<a href="#">20021</a>	The Role of Genomics in Public Health	2022
<a href="#">20022</a>	Endorsing Caring for Our Children National Health and Safety Performance Standards: Guidelines for Out-of-Home Child Care Programs	2022
<a href="#">20023</a>	Support of Healthy Aging through Health Promotion and Prevention of Disease and Injury	2022
<a href="#">20024</a>	Reducing Sodium content in the American Diet	2022
<a href="#">20025</a>	Preserving Right to Know Information and Encouraging Hazard Reduction to Reduce the Risk of Exposure to Toxic Substances	2022
<a href="#">20026</a>	Access to Safe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Promotion in Developing Countries	2022
<a href="#">20027</a>	Protecting the Health and Safety of Workers Who Response to Disasters	2022
<a href="#">20028</a>	Alert on the Use of Tobacco Settlement Funds	2022
<a href="#">20029</a>	Promoting Evidence Based Smoking Cessation Interventions for Women Before, During, and After Pregnancy	2022
<a href="#">200210</a>	Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Data Capacity through National Action Agenda	2022

<sup>1</sup> The proposed update must be submitted by the February deadline of the 2022 or 2023 Proposed Policy Statement Development Cycle Calendar

<a href="#">200211</a>	Opposing War in Central Asia and the Persian Gulf	2022
<a href="#">200212</a>	Syringe Prescription to Reduce Disease Related to Injection Drug Use	2022
<a href="#">200213</a>	Call for United States to Support a Strengthened Biological Weapons Convention	2022
<a href="#">20031</a>	Supporting Legislation for Independent Post-Marketing (Hase IV) Comparative Evaluation of Pharmaceuticals	2023
<a href="#">20032</a>	The Impact of a Public Health Nursing Shortage on the Nation's Public Health Infrastructure	2023
<a href="#">20033</a>	The Importance of Prevention Efforts with HIV-Positive Individuals Receiving Clinical Care	2023
<a href="#">20034</a>	Protecting Essential Public Health Functions Amidst State Economic Downturns	2023
<a href="#">20035</a>	Including the Supportive Housing Resident Population in National Surveys	2023
<a href="#">20036</a>	Ensuring the Scientific Credibility of Government Public Health Advisory Committees	2023
<a href="#">20037</a>	Precautionary Moratorium on New Concentrated Animal Feed Operations	2023
<a href="#">20038</a>	Supporting a Nationwide Environmental Health Tracking Network to Identify Links Between the Environment and Human Health	2023
<a href="#">20039</a>	Worker' Compensation Insurance- Increased Funding for Prevention of Occupational Disease and Injury	2023
<a href="#">200310</a>	Smoking Cessation within Substance Abuse and/pr Mental Health Treatment Setting	2023
<a href="#">200311</a>	Opposition to Eliminating or Compromising the Collection of Racial and Ethnic Data by State and Local Public Institutions	2023
<a href="#">200312</a>	Increasing Access to Vision Rehabilitation	2023
<a href="#">200313</a>	Preserving Access to Reproductive Health Care in Medicaid Managed Care	2023

<a href="#">200314</a>	Support for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the United States Abroad	2023
<a href="#">200315</a>	Support of Public Education about Emergency Contraception and Reduction or Elimination of Barriers to Access	2023
<a href="#">200316</a>	Providing Access to Emergency Contraception for Survivors of Sexual Assault	2023
<a href="#">200317</a>	Food Marketing and Advertising Directed at Children and Adolescents: Implications for Overweight	2023
<a href="#">200318</a>	Safe Motherhood in the United States: Reducing Maternal Mortality and Morbidity	2023
<a href="#">200319</a>	Support for WIC and Child Nutrition Programs	2023
<a href="#">200320</a>	Support Renewal with Strengthening of the Federal Assault Weapons Ban	2023
<a href="#">200321</a>	Supporting Actions to Reduce the Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in Out-of-Home Child Care Settings	2023
<a href="#">200322</a>	Supporting Increased U.S. Investments in Bilateral and Multilateral Programs to Address the Epidemics of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	2023
<a href="#">200323</a>	Strengthening the Fiscal Viability and Independence of Public Health While Responding to Terrorism	2023
<a href="#">200324</a>	Opposition to United States Plan for New Nuclear Weapons Development and Preemptive War	2023