

# X. JPC Report to the Governing Council

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19 proposed policy statements received and reviewed in the 2022 cycle, including 2 resubmitted late-breakers from 2021.

4 overarching areas; Economics and International Health, Environment and Human Rights, Law, Violence Prevention and Equity, and Access to Care, Equity and Prevention

# Spring Science Board and JPC Reviews

- Science Board conducted their first review of the proposed policy statements 4/20-4/21 and JPC held their review 4/28-4/29.
- 8 proposed policy statements received conditional assessments and 11 received negative assessments
- Assessments and comments were provided to authors on May 20
- The full Science Board and JPC assessments with comments are available on the web. Governing Councilors should review and contact authors with questions/suggestions as they embark on their revisions

## Next Steps

- Resubmission of proposed policy statements are due August 15
- JPC will review the resubmissions and provide a second assessment in mid-September
- Late Breaker submissions are due to [policy@apha.org](mailto:policy@apha.org) by October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Public Hearings will be virtual ahead of the Annual Meeting on November 1&2 (time TBD)
- GC will discuss and vote on the proposed policy statements at the Annual Meeting during Session II on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

# 2022 Spring JPC Assessments



# Group A: Economics and International Health

Proposed Policy Statement	JPC Assessment
A1: Public Health as a Bridge to Peace in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza	Negative
A2: Justice in Global Access to COVID-19 Vaccinations	Conditional
A3: A Call to Cancel International Debt for Global South Nations and Increase Public Financing of Health Systems	Conditional
A4: Support Decent Work for All as a Sustainable Health Strategy for Improving Population Health and Wellbeing	Negative

## Group B: Environment and Human Rights

Proposed Policy Statement	JPC Assessment
B1: The Overlooked Public Health Crisis of Healthcare Waste: A Call for Oversight, Protections and Tracking	Conditional
B2: Public Health Opportunities to Address the Health Effects of Gas Stoves	Negative
B3: Ending the Practice of Conversion Therapy in LGBTQ+ Populations	Conditional
B4: Support for Women's Inclusion in HIV-Related Clinical Research	Negative



# Group C: Law, Violence Prevention and Equity

Proposed Policy Statement	JPC Assessment
C1: A Strategy to Address Racism and Violence as Public Health Priorities: Community Health Workers Advancing Racial Equity and Violence Prevention	Negative
C2: Address Threats to Public Health Practice	Conditional
C3: Public Health Approach to Gun Violence Prevention	Negative
C4: A Public Health Approach to Firearm Prevention Policy	Negative
C5: A More Equitable Approach to the Enforcement of Commercial Tobacco Control	Negative
C6: The Misuse of Preemptive Laws and the Impact on Public Health	Negative
C7: Advancing Health Equity Through Inclusive Democracy and Assuring Access to Voting	Negative

# Group D: Access to Care, Equity and Prevention

Proposed Policy Statement	JPC Assessment
D1: Defining Public Health Leadership to Achieve Health Equity: Merging Collective, Adaptive, and Emergent Models	Conditional
D2: Ensuring Equitable Access to Affordable Medication	Conditional
D3: Falls Prevention in Adults Aged 65 and Over	Negative
D4: Expanding Medicaid Coverage to One-Year Postpartum	Conditional

# Archiving



# Archiving

- 13 policy statements adopted in 2002 are up for archiving this year. The list of statements is available on the website under policy statements/archiving
- The deadline for requests to keep statements active has been extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>. A rationale for keeping the policy statement active and removing it from the consent agenda for archiving must accompany the request and should be sent to [policy@apha.org](mailto:policy@apha.org)
- Science Board will review these request and make recommendations to the JPC
- While archived statements no longer guide APHA policy or practice, they remain available to members as historical documents. APHA members are encouraged to update policy statements scheduled for archiving with the latest evidence and rationale in support of priority policy areas. However, policy statements can also be updated by any APHA member following archiving.

Recommendation re: archiving of policy statements  
adopted in 2021 related to the COVID 19 pandemic



## 2021 Motion re: COVID policy statements

- October 2021- JPC motioned that the Governing Council archive the three statements below after 3 years vs. the standard 10 years given the rapidly evolving evidence and experience in the pandemic in order to ensure the science, evidence and action steps remain up to date.
  - 2021-11 Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Importance of Universal Healthcare in Addressing Healthcare Inequities
  - 2021-18 Preparing Public Schools in the United States for the Next Public Health Emergency: Lessons Learned from COVID-19
  - 2021-08 Call for Urgent Actions to Address Health Inequities in the U.S. Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic and Response-
- Following debate, the Council moved to suspend consideration of the motion at the October 2021 meeting and revisit the recommendation at the June 2022 meeting.

# New motion

- JPC recognizes the possible need for narrow, targeting policy statements when dealing with emergent public health problem, but rapidly evolving evidence bases support more frequent updating of these statements. Therefore, in addition to consideration of early archiving, the yearly gaps in policy statements APHA will identify policy statements that were originally written with a narrow scope that would benefit from an update with a broader lens.
- The 2022 JPC revisited the three policy statements recommended for archiving after three years and found that **2021-11 and 2021-18** address pandemics broadly with evidence and action steps that are likely to remain relevant in years to come. JPC recommends these statement **be archived after 10 years as is standard practice.**
- **2021-08- Call for Urgent Actions to Address Health Inequities in the U.S. Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic and Response-** is largely specific to the COVID-19 pandemic and requires more frequent updating of the evidence base and action steps to reflect current science and environment and appropriately guide APHA policy and practice.
  - **Motion: JPC moves that policy statement 2021-08 be archived in 2024 (3 years from adoption)**

QUESTIONS?





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