

2021 Policy Statement Development and Review Calendar

December 2020	<p>APHA staff will develop a list of current policy statement gaps. These gaps generally reflect current or emergent public health issues that fall under the association's overarching priorities and for which the association does not have a current, up-to-date policy statement. Policy statement gaps will be posted on APHA's website and featured in <i>The Nation's Health</i> and Inside Public Health.</p> <p>Per the archiving process, a list of all active policy statements adopted 2001 will be posted to the website. Members are encouraged to review this list and identify policy statements to update (by submitting a new policy statement on the same issue) or keep current. In 2021, the policy statements on this list will be archived.</p>
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February 12	Proposed policy statements for the 2021 cycle are due in electronic form via email to policy@apha.org by 11:59 p.m. (EST).
February 24	Proposed policy statements are posted on APHA's website for APHA member review.
March 26	Member comments on proposed policy statements are due via email to policy@apha.org by 11:59 p.m. (EDT).
April 28-April 30	APHA's Science Board and Joint Policy Committee meet to review proposed policy statements and member comments.
May 21	Deadline for JPC to send letters via email to authors of proposed policy statements with comments and assessments.
June 4	Deadline for authors who receive a "negative" assessment to notify the JPC that they are NOT withdrawing their proposal and wish to move it forward in the process. An email notification must be sent to policy@apha.org by 11:59 p.m. (EDT).
August 13	Revised proposed policy statements based on JPC comments are due via email to policy@apha.org by 11:59 p.m. (EDT).
Late August/Early September	JPC holds a conference call to discuss status of proposals that were revised and sent to policy@apha.org by the August 13 deadline. Authors are notified of the JPC's second assessment post-call via email.
September 13	APHA's Executive Board considers any appeals of the JPC's assessments of proposed policy statements.
Early October	Revised drafts of proposed policy statements as well as comments from the JPC, Science Board, and the authors' responses, if any, will be posted on APHA's website.
October 14	Late-breaking new policy statements are due via email to policy@apha.org by 11:59 p.m. (EDT). No exceptions will be made.
October 24	Public hearings for proposed policy statements are held at APHA's Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.
October 25	The JPC develops final recommendations for proposed policy statements to present to the Governing Council.
October 26	The Governing Council considers the JPC's recommendations on proposed policy statements and votes on the consent agenda.