

2024 Policy Statement Development and Review Calendar

Summer 2023	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 featured in Inside Public Health.
2024	
February 12	Proposed policy statements for the 2024 cycle are due
February 26	Proposed policy statements are posted on APHA's website for APHA member review.
March 25	Member comments on proposed policy statements are due
Late April/early May	APHA's Science Board and Joint Policy Committee meet to review proposed policy statements and member comments.
May 24	Deadline for JPC to send letters via email to authors of proposed policy statements with comments and assessments.
June 7	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. (ET).
August 16	Revised proposed policy statements based on JPC comments are due
September 9	APHA's Executive Board considers any appeals of the JPC's assessments of proposed policy statements.
Mid/Late-September	JPC holds a conference call to discuss status of proposals that were August 16 deadline. Authors are notified of the JPC's second assessment post-call via email.
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 5	Late-breaking new policy statements are due by 11:59 p.m. (ET). No exceptions will be made.
Mid October	Public hearings for proposed policy statements (via webinar)
October 26	The JPC develops final recommendations for proposed policy statements to present to the Governing Council.
October 29	The Governing Council considers the JPC's recommendations on proposed policy statements and votes on the consent agenda.