

2023 Policy Statement Gaps

This list identifies gaps where APHA staff have identified APHA either does not have relevant policy statements or the existing policy statements are outdated/set to archive soon. 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 member unit 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.

- Public health impact of U.S. immigration policies and needed reforms (update and combine archived policy statements LB-10-02 and 200123)
- U.S. food policy/Farm Bill/food insecurity programs (update policy statement 200712 or develop new proposals addressing key food policy issues)
- Addressing climate injustice to achieve health equity.
- Advancing and supporting energy efficiency and conservation programs and solutions (i.e., weatherization assistance programs, and electrifying buildings and vehicles).
- Preparing for and responding to extreme weather events to protect the most vulnerable (should include excessive heat, heavy rain and flooding, wildfires)
- Protecting Essential Public Health Functions Amidst State Economic Downturns (update policy statement 20034)
- Support for Community Based Participation Research in Public Health (update policy statement 200412)