

2025 Policy Statement Development and Review Calendar

February 11	Proposed policy statements for the 2025 cycle are due to policydevelop@apha.org
February 19	Proposed policy statements are posted on APHA’s website for APHA member review.
March 24	Member comments on proposed policy statements are due
Late April	APHA’s Science Board and Joint Policy Committee meet to review proposed policy statements and member comments.
May 23	Deadline for JPC to send letters via email to authors of proposed policy statements with comments and assessments.
June 6	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 policydevelop@apha.org by 11:59 p.m. (ET).
August 25	Revised proposed policy statements based on JPC comments are due
September 8	APHA’s Executive Board considers any appeals of the JPC’s assessments of proposed policy statements.
Late September	JPC holds a conference call to discuss status of proposals that were August 25 deadline. Authors are notified of the JPC’s second assessment post-call via email.
September 29	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 6	Late-breaking new policy statements are due by 11:59 p.m. (ET) to policydevelop@apha.org - no exceptions will be made.
Mid-October	Public hearings for proposed policy statements (via webinar)
November 1	The JPC develops final recommendations for proposed policy statements to present to the Governing Council.
November 4	The Governing Council considers the JPC’s recommendations on proposed policy statements and votes on the consent agenda.