

## 2020 Policy Statement Development and Review Calendar

<b>December 2019</b>	<p>APHA staff will develop a list of current <a href="#">policy statement gaps</a>. These gaps generally reflect current or emergent public health issues that fall under the association's <a href="#">overarching priorities</a> 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 <a href="#">archiving process</a>, a list of all active policy statements adopted in 2000 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 2020, the policy statements on this list will be archived.</p>
<b>2020</b>	
<b>February 7</b>	<a href="#">Proposed policy statements</a> for the 2020 cycle are due in electronic form via email to <a href="mailto:policy@apha.org">policy@apha.org</a> by 11:59 p.m. (EST).
<b>February 26</b>	Proposed policy statements are posted on APHA's website for APHA member review.
<b>March 27</b>	Member comments on proposed policy statements are due via email to <a href="mailto:policy@apha.org">policy@apha.org</a> by 11:59 p.m. (EDT).
<b>April 29-May 1</b>	APHA's Science Board and Joint Policy Committee meet to review proposed policy statements and member comments.
<b>May 22</b>	Deadline for JPC to send letters via email to authors of proposed policy statements with comments and assessments.
<b>June 5</b>	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 <a href="mailto:policy@apha.org">policy@apha.org</a> by 11:59 p.m. (EDT).
<b>August 14</b>	Revised proposed policy statements based on JPC comments are due via email to <a href="mailto:policy@apha.org">policy@apha.org</a> by 11:59 p.m. (EDT).
<b>Early-September</b>	JPC holds a conference call to discuss status of proposals that were revised and sent to <a href="mailto:policy@apha.org">policy@apha.org</a> by the August 14 deadline. Authors are notified of the JPC's second assessment post-call via email.
<b>September 14</b>	APHA's Executive Board considers any appeals of the JPC's assessments of proposed policy statements.
<b>Early October</b>	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.
<b>October 15</b>	<a href="#">Late-breaking new policy statements</a> are due via email to <a href="mailto:policy@apha.org">policy@apha.org</a> by 11:59 p.m. (EDT). No exceptions will be made.
<b>October 25</b>	Public hearings for proposed policy statements are held at APHA's Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California.
<b>October 26</b>	The JPC develops final recommendations for proposed policy statements to present to the Governing Council.
<b>October 27</b>	The Governing Council considers the JPC's recommendations on proposed policy statements and votes on the consent agenda.