

Week 7 Discussion: Global and Environmental Health

- 1. Go to your state government web page.**
- 2. Find one health policy enacted within the last two (2) years at the state level. Write down the bill number and the sponsors of the bill and include this information in your initial post.**
- 3. Write a minimum of a one-page critical analysis summary of the policy. (250 words double spaced, APA). Your summary should integrate the concepts of advocacy, population health, and the ANA ethical statements ("The Code"), and course readings, to include a minimum of one course scholarly article (provided within the course). Be sure to speak to the role of advocacy and population health.**

Answer:

Access to clean water and sanitation facilities is critical to population health and preventing communicable diseases. Unfortunately, there are several countries across the globe that lack access to clean drinking water or sanitation facilities and are subject to many diseases. An article in the New York Times written by Stephanie Nolen on October 31, 2022 addresses as urge of Cholera outbreaks worldwide as a result of people living in unsanitary conditions. Cholera is commonly spread through contaminated water and causes severe diarrhea that can cause death due to severe dehydration (Nolen, 2022). Cholera remains a huge public health concern in many developing countries such the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia, where there have been increasing reports of Cholera cases. According to Nolen, Cholera outbreaks tend to follow displacement of large groups of people. People lose access to clean water supply and sanitation facilities when they are forced to move due to droughts, floods, famines, or threats of war and violence (Nolen, 2022). Nolen (2022) goes on to discuss countries that are experiencing outbreaks and the potential causes. For example, in Nigeria millions of people have fled due to floods and there are a reported 6,000 cases of Cholera. In Haiti, people are fleeing violence in have been packed into small areas and have been sharing a cracked pipe of water that runs