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**Join us on the “last mile” to end polio!!**

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**Almost weekly polio update………….. August 18, 2023**

Wild Poliovirus Cases reported this week: None

Most recent wild poliovirus cases: Afghanistan: 5/18/23 Pakistan: 7/11/23

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|  | As of 8/15/23 | Total | Total | Total | Total |
|  | **2023** (2022) | **2022** | **2021** | **2020** | **2019** |
| **WPV (Wild Poliovirus)** | 7 (19) | 30 | 6 | 140 | 176 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **WPV-Afghanistan** | 5 (2) | 2 | 4 | 56 | 29 |
| **WPV-Pakistan** | 2 (20) | 20 | 1 | 84 | 147 |
| **WPV- Other countries** | 0 (8) | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **cVDPV circulating vaccine-derived** | 198 (229) | 870/912\* | 699/701\* | 1117 | 378 |

\*differing numbers come from different sources.

***Positive Environmental (sewage) samples: This week***

***Wild poliovirus= 1***

***circulating Vaccine-Derived PolioVirus (variant) =8***

**For those who want more detailed information about polio….**[**https://www.polioeradication.org**](https://www.polioeradication.org) **https://www.gavi.org**

[**https://www.endpolio.org**](https://www.endpolio.org)[**https://www.WHO.int**](https://www.WHO.int)

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Thanks to Dick Schultz, a Florida Rotarian and Polio Education Warrior for this graphic

**According to the endpolio.org website: so far only 72 clubs have registered their World Polio Day event(s). It is easy to do by going to** [**www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day**](http://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day) **Let’s have at least 72 events registered just from the Big West Zones!! If you don’t want to register your event yourselves or face some challenges, let Marny or Mike know and we’ll register it for you!!**

Some World Polio Day events happening in our Zones:

1. Walk, Run, Ride across the Golden Gate Bridge to End Polio on Sat. Oct. 21, 2023—register by going to

<http://raise.rotary.org/Debbie-Hale-D5230/Challenge>

1. ***Stay Tuned for information about the Rick Barry signed basketballs that can be used to raise money for polio***
2. ***Tour de Lincoln***

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Let us know about your events and we can help publicize in this update and don’t forget to register them!

GPEI (Global Polio Eradication Initiative is seeking submissions of videos promoting the eradication of polio. Deadline extended to early September—go to <https://makepoliohistory.org> for details

District Polio Plus Chairs and other interested parties: Monthly peer-to-peer meeting will be next Thursday, August 24 at 4 PM (PDT)/ his 5 PM (MDT) on Zoom. Our Zoom license limits attendance at 100 people. If you are not on Mike’s mailing list, please email him (see email address at the top of this page).

Note: This update is going out to those on Bob Roger’s list and all Zones

2627 DGs. Let me know if you no longer wish to receive these updates or if you have others that should be added. Shoot me an email [marnyeul@me.com](mailto:marnyeul@me.com)

For those of you that send out copies or use this newsletter as a template for sending info to your Polio Warriors, I will add some attachments to the email message.