



Rotary Zones 26 & 27

PolioPlus Weekly Update
04 August, 2021



Note: This update is going out to all Zone 26 & 27 DG's, DGE's, District Foundation Chairs, District PolioPlus Chairs, Senior Leaders and others who have requested to be on the mailing list 😊. However, if you wish to no longer receive these updates, please let me know and I'll remove you from the list 😞.

Greetings Polio Warriors:

- **Wild Poliovirus - EXHALE!!! ONCE AGAIN...NO NEW CASES this last week 😊.**

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN - The number of days since the last case of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Afghanistan.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE - The number of days since the last case of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Pakistan.

TWO - The total number of cases of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 that occurred in the world since New Years Day.

NINETY-FOUR - The number of cases of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 that occurred in 2020 on this date.

Last week marks the **TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN A ROW (OVER 6 MONTHS)** with no new reported cases. We did, however, experience one positive environmental sample of WPV1 (Wild Polio Virus, Type 1) in Pakistan.

So once again we have earned the right to our weekly Victory “Happy Dance” around our office chairs...this time with a little extra “Kick” in honor of the 6 months with no wild cases...OK, READY, SET...GO



- **Vaccine-Derived Polio** - Unfortunately, we experienced a third week of relatively high numbers of Vaccine-Derived Polio (cVDPV) cases reported, 25, compared to 19 the week before and 24 the week before that. Nigeria

again led the pack with 16 of those cases. Tajikistan had 7, and one each occurred in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Afghanistan.

Positive environmental samples decreased from 18 the week before to 13 this last week, with 7 occurring in Madagascar and 6 in Nigeria. Again, like last two weeks, the relatively high number of cases and positive environmental samples that occurred in Nigeria continues to be a concern.

- **GPEI Statement on the UK aid cuts** - If you recall, a few weeks ago I mentioned that the UK was considering cutting aid, not only to GPEI (Global Polio Eradication Initiative) for polio, but for other charitable causes as well. The cuts were recently approved by Parliament. [Click here](#) to read GPEI's statement on the cuts.
- **REMINDER - District PolioPlus Chairs "Meet & Greet" on Zoom - 4 days from now - Thursday, August 12th from 5:00 to 6:30PM Pacific Time** - I sent you all a Zoom link last week and I'll be re-sending it again the day before the meeting. **And please** 🙏, don't forget to RSVP me at crobertrogers@comcast.net, even if it's regrets...Thanks 😊. Here's a chance for all of us to get to meet each other if we haven't connected yet. We'll share the latest update on our fight against this disease, and ask you to share some best practices and fundraising ideas. If you have questions you've been yearning to ask, this is the place and time to do it. It's informal, so grab your favorite beverage, and join in on the fun 😊.

That's it for this week folks. Stay safe and we'll see you next week.

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Wild Poliovirus Summary:

You will see below and on the attached powerpoint, that the numbers are, **once again unchanged**. The number of wild polio cases for 2021 as of August 04, 2021 **remains at 2** (1 in Pakistan and 1 in Afghanistan).

The total number of wild polio cases in **2020** were **140** (84 in Pakistan and 56 in Afghanistan).
The total number of wild polio cases in **2019** were **176** (147 in Pakistan and 29 in Afghanistan).

Note: Polio “Acronyms”. For a complete list go to <https://polioeradication.org/acronyms/>
AFP = Acute Flaccid Paralysis
cVDPV = Circulating Vaccine Derived Poliovirus (a 1 or 2 behind it denotes the polio type... ie cVDPV2)
WPV1 = Wild Poliovirus, Type 1
ES = Positive Environmental Samples

New wild poliovirus isolates reported this week:

AFP cases: 0

Environment: 1

New cVDPV isolates reported this week:

AFP cases: 25

Environment: 13

Officially reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of 04 August, 2021

Wild poliovirus (WPV) cases

- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2021: 2 (compared to 94 for the same period in 2020)**
- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2020: 140**

Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) cases

- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2021: 204 (compared to 223 for the same period in 2020)**
- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 1,103**

Summary of new WPV and cVDPV this week (AFP cases and ES positives) by country. For complete details on individual countries, go to <https://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/>

- Pakistan: one WPV1 positive environmental sample
- Afghanistan: one cVDPV2 case
- DR Congo: one cVDPV2 case
- Madagascar : seven cVDPV1 positive environmental samples
- Nigeria: 16 cVDPV2 cases and six cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- Tajikistan: seven cVDPV2 cases