



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

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Almost weekly polio update.....

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**Bah, Humbug—One more case of polio caused by wild poliovirus**

**....And 20 positive environmental samples!!**



Wild Poliovirus Cases reported this week: One  
 Most recent wild poliovirus cases: Afghanistan: 10/23/23  
Pakistan: 10/15/23

	As of 12/5/23	Total	Total	Total	Total
	<b>2023</b> (2022ytd)	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>WPV (Wild Poliovirus)</b>	12 (30)	30	6	140	176
<b>WPV-Afghanistan</b>	6 (2)	2	4	56	29
<b>WPV-Pakistan</b>	6 (20)	20	1	84	147
<b>WPV- Other countries</b>	0 (8)	8	1	0	0
<b>cVDPV circulating vaccine-derived</b>	393 (541)	877	699	1117	378

*Virus detected from other sources (environmental) this week; 2023 ytd in { }; and total for 2022 in ( ).*  
**Wild poliovirus= 20; {129}; (65)      cVDPV (variant) Types 1,2,3 = 10; {302}; (510)**

**New cases caused by variant polioviruses this week: 19, all in DR Congo (7) and Nigeria (12).**

**In the news: from 12/5/23 Washington Post, this headline, “After long banning polio campaigns, Taliban declares war on the disease.”**

Mike McGovern reviewed the article and noted that the information is accurate. Here is the link,

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/12/05/taliban-afghanistan-polio-vaccination/>

## **Rick Barry signed basketballs still available!**

*Limited edition Rick Barry signed basketballs are still available for your District or club to purchase and use for a fundraiser for polio. Contact Mike Crosby at [mikePolioPlus@outlook.com](mailto:mikePolioPlus@outlook.com) for questions or ordering info.*

Note: This update is going out to those on Bob Roger’s previous list and all Zones 2627 DGs and DPPCs. Let me know if you no longer wish to receive these updates or if you have others that should be added. Email me: [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 have added attachments in common formats to this email message.



*This scene is so tranquil and peaceful!  
May we all work toward peace in the  
Middle East, in Sudan, in our  
nation, in our clubs and districts, and in  
our families!!*