



# Rotary Zones 26 & 27

PolioPlus Weekly Update  
24 November, 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 . 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 POLIO VIRUS - No new Cases this week 😊**

**TWENTY-SIX** - The number of days since the last case of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Afghanistan.

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

**FOUR** - The total number of cases of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 that occurred worldwide since January 1st, 3 in Afghanistan and 1 in Pakistan.

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE** - The number of cases of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 that occurred in 2020 on this date.

**And, no new cases of Wild ES (Positive Environmental Samples) as well.** So the count remains 62 in Pakistan and 1 in Afghanistan since January 1st, with the last positive sample discovered in Pakistan on August 9th.

OK, remember the **Happy Dance**? I think Pakistan's reaching the 300th day...actually 301, without a new case of the wild polio virus, deserves us getting back on the positive track...and what better way to do that then a **"Happy Dance"** 😊. Ready...Set...Go!!!

- **CIRCULATING VACCINE DERIVED POLIO** - Our other battlefield in the war on polio, the circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Type 2 (cVDPV2 ) saw a increase in the weekly numbers, reporting **11** cases this last week, compared to 6 the week before, 9 occurring in Nigeria with the other two in Yemen (This is the first type 2 cases that have occurred in Yemen, according to records dating back to 2016). As far as positive environmental samples, again we had **25** cases being reported compared

to 26 the week before, again, all occurring in Nigeria, which remains a concern.

On a positive note, as we enter the Winter months, it is typical for the total number of cases to increase. However, we continue to see a substantial downward improvement in the total number of cases in 2021 compared to 2020.

- **ATTENTION DISTRICT POLIOPLUS CHAIRS for Both Zones - Save the date for our 2nd Peer-to-Peer Zoom Meeting, scheduled to take place on Thursday, December 16th, 4:00PM to 5:00PM, Pacific Time.** Learn the latest updates in our war against polio that we will pass on to you from the World Wide (EPNC) End Polio Now Coordinator meeting that takes place a couple days prior. Also bring your questions and/or ideas for an open forum after the update to share with everyone. Will be great to see everyone again. Link for the meeting will follow shortly.
- **Note:** Due to the holiday staffing Schedule at Evanston, the WHO Powerpoint that normally accompanies this newsletter is not available for this week. It will be included with next week's newsletter.
- That's it for this week folks. Hope your Thanksgiving Holiday was wonderful. Stay safe and we'll see you next week.

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[\*\*Wild Poliovirus Summary:\*\*](#)

You will see below, that the number of wild polio cases for 2021 as of November 24, 2021 are four (1 in Pakistan and 3 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)**

**nOPV2 = novel Oral Polio Vaccine Type 2**

**WPV1 = Wild Poliovirus, Type 1**

**ES = Positive Environmental Samples**

**New wild poliovirus isolates reported this week:**

**AFP cases: 0**

**Environment: 0**

**New cVDPV isolates reported this week:**

**AFP cases: 6**

**Environment: 26**

**Officially reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of 24 November, 2021**

**Wild poliovirus (WPV) cases**

- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2021: 4 (compared to 135 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: 464 (“compared to ?” - Number not available this week for the same period in 2020, due to Evanston being closed for the holiday)**
- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 1,109**

**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/>**

- Nigeria – 9 cVDPV2 cases, 25 cVDPV2 positive ES samples
- Yemen – 2 cVDPV2 cases.