



Rotary Zones 26 & 27

PolioPlus Weekly Update
03 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 - ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE STOP HOLDING YOUR BREATH!!!...Once again WE DID IT...NO NEW CASES reported this last week!** 😊.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY - 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.

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

Last week marks the **FORTIETH WEEK IN A ROW (OVER 9 MONTHS)** with no new reported cases. There was also once again no new positive environmental samples (ES) discovered this last week in either Afghanistan or Pakistan. ***So the ES count remains 1 for Afghanistan and 62 for Pakistan since January 1, with the most recent case occurring in Pakistan on August 9th.***

Note: As a reminder, They have planned a 5 day nationwide campaign in Afghanistan, which aims to reach 10 million children, beginning on November 8th, followed by a joint campaign with Pakistan in December along their common border.

Happy Dance, Happy Dance!!! Once again, Dear Polio Warriors, you have earned the right to Happy Dance around your office chair...

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 big decrease in the weekly numbers, reporting **12** cases this last week compared to 48 the week before, 8 of them occurring in Nigeria, two in Niger, and one each in Cameroon and DR Congo. As far as positive environmental samples, we are also down for the 2nd week in a row. Last week saw 5 new cases, compared to 12 the week before, all occurring in Nigeria. As a reminder, on October 30th, an immunization round of 9 million doses of the new nOPV2 (novel Oral Polio Vaccine Type 2) was conducted in Nigeria to combat this outbreak, so looking forward to future reports on Nigeria. As we enter the Winter months, it is typical for the numbers to increase, however, we are starting to see a substantial improvement compared to 2020 (163 less than at this time last year - see numbers below).
- HEALTH RIVER STATE, NIGERIA** - The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Nigerian Government have joined forces, integrating COVID-19 vaccinations with the new nOPV2 (circulating Oral Polio Vaccine Type 2) in Health River State area of Nigeria. Not only are children getting both vaccines, but the parents who are bringing their children to get the polio vaccine are receiving their COVID-19 jabs as well. Read the complete story [here](#).
- RMD** - If you know what those initials stand for, you're either an old Rotarian like me (over 70 and a half) with an IRA or 401(k) account, an investment advisor or CPA, or a real savvy DRFCC. RMD stands for **Required Minimum Distribution**, the minimum amount of money you are required to withdraw from your IRA or 401(k) each year, based on the Feds longevity chart, to avoid penalties and pay taxes on that amount. Bottom line, they want to start collecting that money from you that you thought was yours...not so fast Grasshopper, only a portion of it belongs to you...the rest belongs to the Feds. Unless...you donate it directly to a bonafide 501(c)(3) charity...like maybe The Rotary Foundation? 😊 (Up to \$100,000 per year). And there are a number of tax advantages if you do that.

- 1) It can count as part of your RMD.
- 2) You don't have to pay federal income taxes on that amount that otherwise might be taxed when withdrawn.
- 3) You won't increase your adjusted gross income or possibly subject your Social Security to a higher level of taxation if you give directly to TRF from your IRA or 401(k) account.
- 4) It still counts towards your Paul Harris Recognition points.
- 5) It will be matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation (Up to a total of \$50 million worldwide).

With the end of the year right around the corner, this might be a good time to consider this. Attached is a pdf of The Rotary Foundation paperwork, complete with instructions, to accomplish a transfer. And Oh, don't forget to check the "PolioPlus" Box on the last page of the form...my reason for bringing this up in the first place 😊 (Of course you can also donate to Annual Fund, Endowment Fund or other TRF programs).

Full disclosure...I am a retired pilot, not an active or retired tax of investment advisor, or CPA. So If this interests you, I urge you to please contact your own tax or investment advisor or CPA to see if this can fit into your financial plans. For further information from TRF, contact Rotary's Senior Major Gift Officer for Zones 26 & 27, Elizabeth Cruft Anderson at elizabeth.Cruft-Anderson@rotary.org

- 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 November 03, 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)

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: 12

Environment: 5

Officially reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of 03 November, 2021

Wild poliovirus (WPV) cases

- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2021: 2 (compared to 132 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: 444 (compared to 607 for the same period in 2020)**
- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 1,108**

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/>

- Cameroon: one cVDPV2 case
- DR Congo: one cVDPV2 case
- Niger: two cVDPV2 cases
- Nigeria: eight cVDPV2 cases and five positive environmental samples