



Rotary Zones 26 & 27

PolioPlus Weekly Update
06 October, 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 POLIO VIRUS - ONCE AGAIN...YOU CAN BREATHE!!!...NO NEW CASES reported this last week...None...Nada! 😊.**

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

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

Last week marks the **THIRTY-SIXTH WEEK IN A ROW (OVER 8 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.***

So once again dear Polio Warriors, we have earned the right to our weekly "Happy Dance" around our office chairs to celebrate REACHING over two-thirds of a year with no new wild polio cases... OK, READY, SET...GO 😊!!!

- **VACCINE DERIVED POLIO - Unfortunately our other battlefield in the war on polio, the circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Type 2 (cVDPV2) reported 18 cases this last week, 17 of the occurring in Nigeria. The 18th case**

occurred in Madagascar. As far as positive environmental samples, last week saw only 3 new cases, all occurring in Madagascar, compared to 6 the week before.

- **PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER IMRAN KHAN URGES BILL GATES TO GIVE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN**, according to an article in the online Business Standard News dated October 6th. The two spoke on Tuesday to discuss polio eradication efforts in the two remaining countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, among other things, according to the Prime Minister's office. To read the full article, [click here](#).
- **WORLD POLIO DAY (OCTOBER 24TH) IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER** - 2 weeks till World Polio Day. Quite a few districts and clubs are having special online, as well as live events. For instance, President Matty Wong of West Honolulu Rotary is putting on an online benefit concert on October 22nd, with his guitar and a couple of band members...and I gotta tell you, he's good. I attended an online meeting with him earlier this week and he opens and closes their meetings playing beautiful background music as he greets you when you sign in online. Or Brentwood Rotary Club in California's Pints for Polio event, where the club has partnered with 30 local craft breweries (Only in California can you find 30 craft breweries in a medium sized community) to share a percentage of their profits on World Polio Day with PolioPlus. Organizer and District 5160 PolioPlus Chair Mike Crosby is anticipating 400 people to join in on the festivities from Noon to 4:00PM. Or District 5420's "End Polio Forever Challenge" the brainchild of Jim Lewis, the District's PolioPlus Chair. It starts on World Polio Day and ends one month later, where you solicit pledges for doing your favorite activity, whether it's walking at a penny a step, biking at a dollar per mile, running, surfing, rowing, swimming, sit-ups, you name it. Participants with the highest contributions will receive recognition and high top Converse Tennis Shoes??? at their District Conference. Jim, who is a polio survivor, says he will be doing the penny a step Challenge. Doesn't sound like much, but when you add up a couple miles, you'd be surprised...at a two foot stride you'd qualify for membership in the PolioPlus Society's \$100 annual pledge! Rotarians having too much fun and raising money for the fight against polio...I love it!!! 😊
- That's it for this week folks. Stay safe and we'll see you next week.

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Poliovirus Weekly Update October 06, 2021, World Health Organization

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 October 06, 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: 0

New cVDPV isolates reported this week:

AFP cases: 18

Environment: 3

Officially reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of 06 October, 2021

Wild poliovirus (WPV) cases

- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2021: 2 (compared to 121 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: 326 (compared to 422 for the same period in 2020)**
- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 1,107**

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/>

- Madagascar: one cVDPV1 case and 3 cVDPV1 positive environmental samples
- Nigeria: 17 cVDPV2 cases