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

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**Almost weekly polio update…… September 15,2023**

**Continued Good News—no wild poliovirus cases reported this week!**

Wild Poliovirus Cases reported this week: None

Most recent wild poliovirus cases: Afghanistan: 5/18/23

Pakistan: 7/11/23

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|  | As of 9/12/23 | Total | Total | Total | Total |
|  | **2023** (2022ytd) | **2022** | **2021** | **2020** | **2019** |
| **WPV (Wild Poliovirus)** | 7 (23) | 30 | 6 | 140 | 176 |
| **WPV-Afghanistan** | 5 (1) | 2 | 4 | 56 | 29 |
| **WPV-Pakistan** | 2 (17) | 20 | 1 | 84 | 147 |
| **WPV- Other countries** | 0 (5) | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **cVDPV circulating vaccine-derived** | 245 (332) | 871 | 699 | 1117 | 378 |

***Virus detected from other sources (environmental, human contacts, etc): This week; year-to-date for 2023 in parentheses ( ); total for calendar year 2022 in brackets { }***

***Wild poliovirus= 1; (55); {65}***

***cVDPV (variant) Types 1,2,3 = 10; (250); {620}***

***By now you should all have received the 30 and 60 second videos that can be used as PSAs for radio and TV. Please let us know about your successes in getting them aired! They have been well received by our fellow EPNCs around the world (they would like them in languages that are spoken in their regions so we are sharing the script to allow them to do voice overs). We would like to measure the impact in some way, but with such wide dispersal and over the next 6 weeks or so, we are not quite sure how to do that. Any ideas?***

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Thanks to Dick Schultz, a Florida Rotarian and Polio Education Warrior for this graphic

Some World Polio Day events happening in our Zones

1. ***Stay tuned for information about the limited-edition Rick Barry signed basketballs that can be used to raise money for polio. They are now in production.***
2. ***Idaho has obtained an official proclamation from their Governor declaring Oct. 24 World Polio Day and they are working toward illuminating some buildings with the End Polio Now colors and logo! Congratulations to them! (our zones Public Image Coordinators are putting together a “tool kit” for how you can do this in your city and state—stay tuned)***

Let us know about your events and we can help publicize in this update. **Please register your event on the** [**www.endpolio.org/register**](http://www.endpolio.org/register) **website!** One of the metrics that RI uses to measure the impact/effectiveness of the EPNCs is the number of clubs having a WPD event; they get numbers from the endpolio.org website. Our Zones have not done well reporting their events. For the last 3 Rotary years the highest % of events reported from either of our zones was 6%!! I admit that as my club and District PolioPlus chair I had never taken the extra step to register the event, but I have done it this year!!

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)

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