



Polio update for April 25, 2025

Note: This update is going out to all District 5130 Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Presidents-Nominees, Club Foundation Chairs, PolioPlus Chairs, the District Governor, Area Governors and others who have requested to be on the list. 😊. However, if you wish to no longer receive these updates, please let me know and I'll remove you from the list 😊.

WELL FOLKS, SIX WEEKS WITHOUT A WILD CASE OF POLIO WAS A GOOD RUN, BUT UNFORTUNATELY A NEW CASE POPPED UP IN AFGHANISTAN, OCCURRING ON MARCH 9TH. SO THE 2025 COUNT INCREASES BY ONE, BRINGING THE YEAR TO DATE COUNT TO 8 CASES (2 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 6 IN PAKISTAN). THE 2024 COUNT REMAINS THE SAME AT 99 TOTAL WILD CASES (25 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 74 IN PAKISTAN). THIS WEEK THERE WAS ONLY ONE WILD POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLE, ALSO FROM AFGHANISTAN.

Dates of the most recent wild poliovirus cases:

Afghanistan: 03/9/25

Pakistan: 02/11/25

	As of 04/22/25	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison) 2025 (2024)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
WPV1 Afghanistan	2 (2)	25	6	2	4	56
WPV1-Pakistan	6 (2)	74	6	20	1	84
WPV1- Other Countries	0 (0)	0	0	8	1	0
Total WVP1	8 (4)	99	12	30	6	140
cVDPV2 (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus Type 2) *	38 (22)	310	528	881	688	1,117

In our other battlefield against polio, the Circulating Variant Poliovirus Type2 (cVDPV2), there were *4 NEW CASES reported this week as follows:

- ETHIOPIA: 3 Type 2 cases this week: (16 cases YTD & 43 cases in 2024)
- NIGERIA: 1 Type 2 case this week: (11 cases YTD & 98 cases in 2024)

Positive Environmental Sewage Samples (ES) reported this week:

Wild (WPV1) : ES = 1; YTD in 2025; 231 Total in 2024; 768

Vaccine Derived (cVDPV2): ES = 0; YTD in 2025; 50 Total in 2024; 277

Rotary's U.S. Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force in Action

Rotary's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States has been busy meeting with government leaders to advocate for continued U.S. investment for polio eradication efforts. In March, members of the task force visited the capital to speak with leaders from all parties. In early April, task force member and polio survivor John Nanni testified before the House Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Program about his experience with polio and Rotary's commitment to it's eradication.

Editor's Note: Past Rotary International Vice President Johrita Solari and Chairperson of the US Advocacy Task Force, did share today that the 2024 allocation of \$185 million has been approved, and that the Task Force will be meeting with Congressional leaders again in Mid May to advocate for the same amount for the 2025 budget year. Solari also noted that there are polio champions on both sides of the aisle and they are impressed with the fact that Rotary has donated over \$3 Billion dollars our own money to the cause, and that we are not asking for money for ourselves, but for money for government agencies to spend on polio eradication. It's all about getting money for the kids so we can keep our promise to them of a polio free world. That's what this is all about! Wishing the Task Force good luck in their altruistic endeavor. End Polio Now 😊

From hope to history: how we defeated polio in the Western Pacific

Read this [fascinating story](#) by Dr. Shigeru Omi who led the efforts of the WHO's polio eradication efforts in the Western Pacific from start to finish, as he reflects on the story behind that victory. It's a 6 minute read, but well worth your time IMHO.

For detailed information on all the above, go to GPEI's <https://www.polioeradication.org> and the WHO powerpoint accompanying this newsletter. For more information on all things polio, go to <https://www.endpolio.org/>

That's it for this week. As always, please keep those in Ukraine, those affected by the Israeli - Hamas/Hezbollah War, Haiti, the situation in Syria and the natural disaster victims around the globe in your thoughts,...and of course, the fight against polio.

Bob

Your District 5130 PolioPlus Chair