



Polio update for May 30, 2025

Note: This update is going out to all District 5130 Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Presidents-Nominees, Club Foundation Chairs, PolioPlus Chairs, the District Governor, Past District Governors, 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 😊.

AS I ALLUDED TO IN LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER, 2 NEW WILD CASES (WPV-1) HAVE SHOWN UP IN PAKISTAN. THAT BRINGS OUR 2025 COUNT YEAR- TO-DATETO 12 (2 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 10 IN PAKISTAN). THERE WERE ALSO 5 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES (ES) COLLECTED THIS WEEK IN AFGHANISTAN.

Dates of the most recent wild poliovirus cases:

Afghanistan: 03/09/25

Pakistan: 05/01/25

	As of 05/27/25	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison) 2025 (2024)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
WPV1 Afghanistan	2 (3)	25	6	2	4	56
WPV1-Pakistan	10 (3)	74	6	20	1	84
WPV1- Other Countries	0 (0)	0	0	8	1	0
Total WVP1	12 (6)	99	12	30	6	140
cVDPV (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) *7 Cases this week	55 (61)	310	528	881	688	1,117

In our other battlefront against polio, the Circulating Variant Poliovirus (cVDPV), there were *7 NEW CASES reported this week as follows:

- Guinea: 1 Type 3 case this week: (2 cases YTD & 4 cases total in 2024)
- Yemen: 6 Type 2 cases reported this week, but 4 of them occurred in 2024 (2 cases YTD in 2025 & 41 cases in 2024)

Positive Environmental Sewage Samples (ES) reported this week:

Wild (WPV1) : ES = 5; YTD in 2025; 271 Total in 2024; 768

Vaccine Derived (cVDPV2): ES = 5; YTD in 2025; 65 Total in 2024; 277

(Note that one of the ES samples was collected in Sachsen, Germany on April 21)

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/>

Polio Tidbits in the News

- inPakistan launched it's 3rd immunization round this year on May 25th, a synchronized campaign with Afghanistan.
- Both countries report diminishing number of vaccine refusals this year.
- Nigeria too is reporting fewer vaccine refusals.
- Also the Horn Of Africa countries of Djibouti , Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia report many stool samples collected are testing negative for the poliovirus.
- Sadly policemen guarding polio immunization teams in both Pakistan and Afghanistan have been killed, along with 2 polio workers being abducted. Still, their work continues.

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

Bob

Your District 5130 PolioPlus Chair