



Polio update for October 24, 2025

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2 NEW CASES OF WILD POLIO (WPV1) WAS REPORTED THIS WEEK, ONCE AGAIN IN AFGHANISTAN. SO THE WILD COUNT INCREASES YEAR-TO-DATE TO 38 , (9 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 29 IN PAKISTAN). THERE WERE ALSO 11 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES REPORTED (ES) OF WPV1; ALSO FROM AFGHANISTAN

Dates of the most recent wild poliovirus cases:

Afghanistan: 10/3/25

Pakistan: 08/30/25

In our other battlefield against polio, the Circulating Variant Poliovirus (cVDPV2), there were 2 new cases this last week as follows:

- **PAPUA NEW GUINEA: 2 Type 2 cases (3 cases Y-T-D) (No cases reported in 2024).**

The 11 positive environmental samples of WPV1 mentioned above bring the 2025 total to 548 samples Y-T-D. Last year's total was 769.

There were no positive ES of the cVDPV, variant, so the total remains at 182. For comparison purposes, the total in 2024 was 292.

	As of 10/21/25	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison) 2025 (2024)	2023		2022	2021	2020
WPV1 Afghanistan	9 (23)	25	6	2	4	56
WPV1-Pakistan	29 (39)	74	6	20	1	84
WPV1- Other Countries	0 (0)	0	0	8	1	0
Total WVP1	38 (62)	99	12	30	6	140
cVDPV (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) *2 cases this week	157 (180)	463	523	883	702	1,117

“We’re closer than ever to eradicating polio... and closer than ever to seeing a resurgence.”

Bill Gates

Bill Gates explains why the world is closer than ever to eradicating polio, and why a global funding gap leaves the world vulnerable to a resurgence. [Click here](#) to watch a short **VERY** informative video by Bill Gates describing where we are and what we are doing in this fight against polio, followed by

In a world that often feels divided, polio eradication remains a rare example of what global collaboration can achieve. The recent outbreak response in Gaza — made possible through humanitarian pauses that allowed vaccination teams to reach hundreds of thousands of children amid conflict — proved that even under the most difficult circumstances, success is possible when humanity and partnership prevail. Since 5 March 2025, no poliovirus has been detected in Gaza — a powerful reminder that there are no biological or technical barriers to eradication, only the choices we make.

On this World Polio Day, let us celebrate what has been achieved — and recommit to what remains to be done. The goal is within reach. Together, we can ensure that every child, everywhere, grows up free from polio.

That’s it for this week folks. Pray for an end to these disasters throughout the globe, both natural and human caused...and also please take care of yourselves. Till next week.

Bob, your District 5130 PolioPlus Chair