



Polio update for January 02, 2026

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HANG ON TO YOUR HATS FOLKS..ANOTHER WEEK OF GOOD NEWS WITH NO NEW CASES OF WILD POLIO FOR THE THIRTEENTH WEEK IN A ROW, THE WILD COUNT OF 39 REMAINS THE SAME FOR THE 2025 YEAR... 9 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 30 IN PAKISTAN (compared with 92 for the same period in 2024).

Dates of the most recent wild poliovirus cases:

Afghanistan: 10/3/25

Pakistan: 09/19/25

Circulating Variant Polio Virus

In our other battlefield against polio, the circulating Variant Poliovirus (cVDPV), even though 1 case is 1 case too many, there was only 1 new case reported last week, for the 2nd week in a row ,as follows:

Somalia : 1 Type 2 case (2 cases total in 2025 verses 24 cases in 2024).

Positive Environmental Samples (ES)

- **Wild** - As mentioned above there were zero Environmental Samples, so the YTD total remains at 683 compared to 773 total last year.
- **Variant** - There was 1 positive ES of the cVDP2, variant also occurring in Somalia, so the total increases to 227. compared to 292 in 2024.

	As of 12/30/2025	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison) 2026 (2025)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
WPV1 Afghanistan	0 (9)	9	25	6	2	4
WPV1-Pakistan	0 (30)	30	74	6	20	1
WPV1- Other Countries	0 (0)	0	0	0	8	1
Total WVP1	0 (39)	39	99	12	30	6
cVDPV (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) cases this week *0	1 (202)	202	463	523	883	702

Below is a link to the December Edition of The End Polio Now monthly newsletter published by The Rotary Foundation, which contains many stories and articles you may find interesting. To access this newsletter, [click here](#).

That's it for this week folks. Please keep those caught up in the various turmoils around the globe, both natural and man made, in your thoughts, and yes, even in your prayers if you are so inclined. And of course, those afflicted by polio.

Happy 2026 

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Your District PolioPlus Chair