



Polio update for March 6, 2026

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WILD POLIO VIRUS TYPE 1 (WPV1)

HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THERE WERE NO NEW CASES REPORTED THIS WEEK IN EITHER AFGHANISTAN NOR PAKISTAN. So the wild count for the 2025 year iREMAINS AT 47 (31 in Pakistan and 16 in Afghanistan) and the 2026 count remains at zero. The dates of the most recent Wild Polio Cases, Type 1 are:

Pakistan: 12/14/2025

Afghanistan: 10/24/25

WILD POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES TYPE 1 (ES)

There were two Positive Wild Environmental Samples reported, both in Pakistan. Thus, the 2025 total increases to 741 and the YTD 2026 total is 26.

	As of 3rd February, 2026		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	2026	(2025)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
WPV1 Afghanistan	0	(1)	16	25	6	2	4
WPV1-Pakistan	0	(6)	31	74	6	20	1
WPV1- Other Countries	0	(0)	0	0	0	8	1
Total WVP1	0	(7)	47	99	12	30	6
cVDPV2 (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) cases type2) this week - 5	12	(12)	232	463	523	883	702

CIRCULATING VARIANT POLIO VIRUS CASES (cVDPV2)

In our other battlefront against polio, there were 12 CASES OF THE VARIANT REPORTED THIS WEEK, however 7 actually occurred in 2025. Thus the 2025 total increases to 232 for 2025 and the 2026 total of cVDPV increases to 6.

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES OF VARIANT POLIO VIRUS (cVDPV)

There were 2 Positive Type 2 Environmental Samples reported this last week, one in Malawi and one in Somalia. One was collected in 2025 and one was collected in 2026.

In case you haven't heard, The Center for disease control (CDC) issues a "Level 2 Travel Warning"

In what was a surprise move to me, according to CNN the CDC has issued a travel warning to those contemplating travel outside the US concerning polio. For the full story, [click here](#).

That's it for this week folks. B Pray for Peace in the Middle East.
Bob,
your District PolioPlus Chair.