



Polio update for March 20, 2026

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, District Governor Elect, District Governor, Nominee, Area Governors and others who have requested to be on the list 😊. However, if you wish to no longer receive these updates, let me know and I'll remove you from the list 😞.

WILD POLIO VIRUS TYPE 1 (WPV1)

ONE NEW CASE REPORTED THIS LAST WEEK IN AFGHANISTAN, BUT THAT ACTUALLY OCCURRED LAST YEAR IN NOVEMBER, BRINGING THE OVERALL 2025 COUNT TO 52 (21 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 31 IN PAKISTAN). The 2026 count remains at 1 case, compared to 7 cases at this same time last year. The dates of the most recent Wild Polio Cases, Type 1 are:

Pakistan: 2/10/2026

Afghanistan: 11/21/2025

WILD POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES TYPE 1 (ES)

There were 27 Positive Wild Environmental Samples reported this last week (20 in Afghanistan and 7 in Pakistan) bringing the 2025 total to 754 and the YTD 2026 total to 44.

	As of 17 March , 2026		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison)						
	2026	(2025)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
WPV1 Afghanistan	0	(1)	21	25	6	2	4
WPV1-Pakistan	1	(6)	31	74	6	20	1
WPV1- Other Countries	0	(0)	0	0	0	8	1
Total WVP1	1	(7)	52	99	12	30	6
cVDPV2 (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) cases type2) this week - 4	17	(13)	232	463	523	883	702

CIRCULATING VARIANT POLIO VIRUS CASES (cVDPV)

In our other battlefront against polio, there were 4 CASES OF THE VARIANT, Type 2, REPORTED THIS WEEK, 2 in Nigeria and one each in Angola and Somalia. Thus the 2026 total YTD is now 17 compared to 13 last year at this time.

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES OF VARIANT POLIO VIRUS (ES)

There were 2 Positive Type 2 Environmental Samples reported this last week, one each from Chad and Somalia.

Podcast on polio eradication

Click [‘here’](#) to listen to a very interesting and informative podcast by the global reputable health podcast producer ‘The Naked Scientists’ on polio eradication, featuring inputs by Kath O’Reilly, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Dr Zubair Wadood, WHO; and, Ananda Bandyopadhyay, Gates Foundation. You can either download the full transcript to read later or listen to now. Either way it’s broken down into segments for easier reading/listening. I think you’ll find it very informative.

Attention, Presidents at the North End of District 5130

I received the following email from President Tom Tellez of Arcata Sunrise.

“We, the two Arcata clubs are going to hold a Pints for Polio event on Thursday April 9th at the Mad River Brewery.

It will be informal but we will show a couple videos as well as have a table. I would like to encourage all of our local clubs to join us.”

Sounds like a great “FUN RAISER” to me. Can I ask you, the Presidents of the northern clubs, to please promote and share this event among your club members?...Tom...what time will the Pints For Polio begin?

Thats it folks.

Till next week...

Bob

Your PolioPlus Chair