



Polio update for May 22nd, 2026

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WILD POLIO VIRUS TYPE 1 (WPV1)

ANOTHER WEEK WITH NO NEW WILD CASES REPORTED, SO THE 2026 TOTAL YEAR-TO-DATE REMAINS AT 6 CASES (3 IN PAKISTAN AND 3 IN AFGHANISTAN). This compares to 10 cases at this same time last year. Dates of the most recent Wild Polio Cases, Type 1 are:

Pakistan: 4/7/2026

Afghanistan: 2/27/2026

WILD POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES TYPE 1 (ES)

THERE WAS 1 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLE however, reported this last week, from Pakistan, increasing the Year-to-Date 2026 total to 107. The 2025 total remains at 760.

	As of MAY 19th, 2026		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison)						
	2026	(2025)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
WPV1 Afghanistan	3	(2)	21	25	6	2	4
WPV1-Pakistan	3	(8)	31	74	6	20	1
WPV1- Other	0	(0)	0	0	0	8	1
Countries							
Total WVP1	6	(10)	52	99	12	30	6
cVDPV (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) cases this week -*3	52	(50)	241	463	523	883	702

CIRCULATING VARIANT POLIO VIRUS CASES (cVDPV2 &3)

In our other battlefront against polio, the circulating variant, THERE WERE *3 CASES REPORTED THIS WEEK AS FOLLOWS:

1 Type 2 case in Nigeria

1 Type 1 case in South Sudan

1 type 2 case in in Yemen.

This brings the 2026 YTD adjusted total to 54 in comparison to 52 cases last year at this time.

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES OF VARIANT POLIO VIRUS (ES)

There were 2 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES reported this last week in Yemen, so the YTD number of cases is adjusted to 28. The 2025 total adjusts to 249.

Closing the final gaps:

WHA reaffirms global commitment to a polio-free world. Amid discussions on a wide range of global public health priorities, including emergency response to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Member States and partners at this year's World Health Assembly reaffirmed their strong commitment to achieving and sustaining a polio-free world. Delegates highlighted both the extraordinary progress made against the disease and the remaining challenges, emphasizing the urgent need to close the final gaps in vaccination coverage, access and financing. Strong support was expressed for the new Sustaining a Polio-free World strategy, while partners including Rotary International and the UN Foundation reiterated their commitment to helping operationalize pledges and sustain momentum through the final stages of eradication. Discussions throughout the Assembly repeatedly returned to one central message: with continued political commitment, sufficient resources and support for frontline health workers, a polio-free world remains fully achievable.

That's it folks. Please continue to pray for Peace throughout the world 🙏

Bob

District 5130 PolioPlus Chair