



Polio update for July 22, 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 TYPE 1 (WPV1)

UNFORTUNATELY THIS LAST WEEK SAW 4 NEW CASES OF WILD POLIO TYPE 1, ALL FROM KABUL, AFGHANISTAN. SO IN THE 2026 YEAR ,TO DATE, THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 18 WILD CASES SINCE JANUARY 1ST (3 IN PAKISTAN AND 15 IN AFGHANISTAN). This compares to 16 cases at this same time last year.

Dates of the most recent Wild Polio Cases, Type 1 are:

	As of July 14, 2026	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison)					
	2026 (2025)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
WPV1 Afghanistan	15 (2)	21	25	6	2	4
WPV1-Pakistan	3 (14)	31	74	6	20	1
WPV1- Other	0 (0)	0	0	0	8	1
Countries						
Total WVP1	18 (6)	52	99	12	30	6
cVDPV (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) cases this week *3	64 (67)	243	463	523	883	702

Pakistan: 04/07/2026

Afghanistan: 06/25/2026

WILD POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES TYPE 1 (ES)

THERE WERE ALSO 7 NEW POSITIVE WILD ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES. THIS BRINGS THE 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL TO 157 SAMPLES (54 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 103 IN PAKISTAN). Total cnumber of posiitive samples for 2025 remain at 760.

CIRCULATING VARIANT POLIO VIRUS CASES (cVDPV2)

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

- **1 Type 2 case in THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)**
- **2 Type 2 cases in NIGERIA. This brings our year to date total to 90 cases, compared to 91 cases at this same time last year.**

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES OF VARIANT POLIO VIRUS (ES)

There were 2 positive Environmental Samples reported this last week , one Type 2 in NIGERIA and one Type 1 in SOUTH SIUDAN, bringing the Year to Date total to 43

HEADLINE NEWS

GPEI High-Level Interview with Chair of Polio Oversight Board (POB) & Chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee Mike McGovern (below). As part of a continuing series of high-level GPEI interviews, POB Chair and Rotary International PolioPlus Committee Chair shares his views on the global polio eradication effort [here](#).



That's it for this week folks.

**Our thoughts and prayers go out to those in Venezuela and those involved in the ongoing conflicts.
See you next week.**

Bob