



### Polio update for August 12, 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)

**I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ONCE AGAIN, FOR THE 3RD WEEK IN A ROW...NO NEW CASES OF WILD POLIO WERE REPORTED ... SO YEAR-TO-DATE, THE COUNT REMAINS AT 18 WILD CASES SINCE JANUARY 1ST (3 IN PAKISTAN AND 15 IN AFGHANISTAN). This compares to 21 cases at this same time last year.**

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

Pakistan: 04/07/2026

Afghanistan: 06/25/2026

|                                                                      | As of August 11th,<br>2026      | Total     | Total     | Total     | Total     | Total    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                                                                      | (YTD Comparison)<br>2026 (2025) | 2025      | 2024      | 2023      | 2022      | 2021     |
| WPV1 Afghanistan                                                     | 15 (2)                          | 21        | 25        | 6         | 2         | 4        |
| WPV1-Pakistan                                                        | 3 (19)                          | 31        | 74        | 6         | 20        | 1        |
| WPV1- Other<br>Countries                                             | 0 (0)                           | 0         | 0         | 0         | 8         | 1        |
| <b>Total WVP1</b>                                                    | <b>18 (21)</b>                  | <b>52</b> | <b>99</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>6</b> |
| cVDPV (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) cases<br>this week *3 | 64 (67)                         | 243       | 463       | 523       | 883       | 702      |

### **WILD POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES TYPE 1 (ES)**

THERE WERE also 15 NEW POSITIVE WILD ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES, 5 FROM AFGHANISTAN AND TEN FROM PAKISTAN. THIS BRINGS THE 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL TO 180 (59 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 121 IN PAKISTAN). Total number of positive samples for 2025 remain at 760.

### **CIRCULATING VARIANT POLIO VIRUS CASES (cVDPV)**

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

- 1 TYPE 2 CASE IN NIGERIA
- 1 TYPE 2 CASE IN SOMALIA.
- 1 TYPE 1 CASE IN SOUTH SUDAN.
- This brings the total to 112 cases, compared to 111 cases at this same time last year.

### **POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES OF VARIANT POLIO VIRUS (ES)**

There were 7 positive Environmental Samples reported this last week, so the Year - to - Date total increases to 55. Last year's total was 249 for the full year.

## **HEADLINE NEWS**

### **African youth issue open letter calling for renewed commitment to ending polio**

Young advocates from across Africa have issued an [open letter](#) urging African leaders to sustain political commitment and investment in immunization, strengthen health systems and disease surveillance, and ensure that every child is reached with life-saving vaccines. The letter calls on leaders to help deliver a lasting victory against polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases. The appeal is part of the [#KickOutPolio campaign](#), launched during the Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) to harness the power of sport, athletes and youth advocates to mobilize support for polio eradication and childhood immunization across the continent.

### **Nigeria polio laboratory strengthens regional surveillance capacity**

Nigeria's National Polio Laboratory in Maiduguri has achieved [WHO accreditation](#) for Sanger sequencing of polioviruses, marking an important milestone for polio eradication efforts. The accreditation strengthens regional capacity to rapidly detect, characterize and track polioviruses, supporting faster outbreak detection and response while enhancing surveillance capabilities across the African Region.

**That's it for this week folks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those involved in the ongoing conflicts, fires, floods, earthquakes, the Hawaiian Hurricane situation and other extreme weather conditions these last couple of weeks.**

**Stay Safe.**

**See you next week.**

**Bob**