



Polio update for August 26, 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 😊.

Note: Due to a computer glitch I was unable to publish a weekly report last week, so this report is for the last two weeks, ending August 26

WILD POLIO TYPE 1 (WPV1)

UNFORTUNATELY THE WEEK BEFORE LAST HAD 4 NEW CASES OF WILD POLIO, TYPE 1, ALL FROM AFGHANISTAN. BUT LAST WEEK HAD ZERO CASES FOR THAT WEEK, SO THE 2026 YEAR - TO - DATE COUNT INCREASES BY 4 TO 22 CASES (3 IN PAKISTAN AND 19 IN AFGHANISTAN). This compares to 24 cases at this same time last last year.

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

Pakistan: 04/07/2026

Afghanistan: 07/17/2026

	As of August 25th, 2026	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison) 2026 (2025)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
WPV1 Afghanistan	19 (3)	21	25	6	2	4
WPV1-Pakistan	3 (21)	31	74	6	20	1
WPV1- Other Countries	0 (0)	0	0	0	8	1
Total WVP1	22 (24)	52	99	12	30	6
cVDPV (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) cases 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 *18 CASES REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

- 10 TYPE 2 CASES IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
- 1 TYPE 3 CASE IN NIGER
- 3 TYPE 2 CASES AND 1 TYPE 3 CASE IN NIGERIA
- 3 TYPE 2 CASES IN SUDAN.
- This brings the year-to-date total to 130 cases, compared to 129 cases at this same time last year.

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES OF VARIANT POLIO VIRUS (ES)

There were 2 positive Environmental Samples reported these last 2 weeks, so the Year - to - Date total increases to 57. Last year's total was 249 for the full year.

HEADLINE NEWS

What do the five countries of Burundi, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, the Republic of the Congo and Uganda all have in common?

Following rigorous independent assessments, they have all confirmed interruption of their polio virus transmission . For the full story on how they did that, [**click here**](#).

That's it for this week folks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those involved in the ongoing armed conflicts, wildfires, earthquakes, the Tropical Storm LaLa in Hawaii and the latest disaster of the flooding in Nepal.

Stay safe...

See you next week.

Bob