



**Polio update for November 29, 2024**

Note: This update is going out to all District 5130 Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Presidents-Nominees,

Club Foundation Chairs, PolioPlus Chairs, Area Governors and others who have requested to be on the list. 😊. However, if you wish to no longer receive these updates, please let me know and I'll remove you from the list 😊.

**6 WILD POLIO (WPV1) CASES REPORTED LAST WEEK, ALL FROM PAKISTAN. THIS BRINGS US TO 78 CASES YEAR TO DATE (23 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 55 IN PAKISTAN). THERE WERE ALSO 24 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES (ES), AGAIN ALL FROM PAKISTAN. BUT SOME RELATIVELY GOOD NEWS...IT HAS NOW BEEN 11 WEEKS SINCE THE LAST CASE OCCURRED IN AFGHANISTAN.** Dates of The most recent wild poliovirus cases (WPV1):

**Afghanistan: 9/14/24**

**Pakistan: 11/06/24**

In our other battlefield against polio **NO NEW CASES** of the circulating variant poliovirus, (cVDPV2), were reported. There were however, 2 new Positive Environmental Samples (ES).

	As of 11/26/24		Total	Total	Total	Total
	<b>2024</b>	(2023ytd)	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>WPV1 Afghanistan</b>	23	(6)	6	2	4	56
<b>WPV1-Pakistan</b>	55	(5)	6	20	1	84
<b>WPV1- Other Countries</b>	0		0	8	1	0
<b>Total WVP1</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>cVDPV2 (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus Cases) *</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>(374)</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>1,117</b>

**\*OTHER GOOD NEWS - NO new cVDPV Cases reported this week**

**Positive Environmental Sewage Samples (ES) reported this week**

**Wild (WPV1) :** ES = 24; YTD in 2024; 611 2023 year's total; 190

**Vaccine Derived (cVDPV) :** ES = 2; YTD in 2024; 191 2023 year's total; 445

For detailed information on all the above, go to GPEI's <https://www.polioeradication.org> and the WHO powerpoint accompanying this newsletter. For more information on all things polio, go to <https://www.endpolio.org/>

## Global Leaders Undaunted in Face of Rising Polio Cases

The year 2024 has not been an easy one for polio eradication, with an increase in wild poliovirus transmission in the remaining two endemic countries and new and high-profile outbreaks, including in Gaza. And yet global commitment to polio eradication remains as high as ever. Read about G7 and G20 leaders recommitment to ending polio by clicking [here](#).

## Virtual Update on Status of Polio Eradication

In a recent Webinar put on by World Polio Leaders is an embedded video of the folks working in the GAZA Strip to vaccinate ½ million kids. Click [here](#) to access the Webinar. Then to access the Gaza video, move your cursor to 13 minutes, 38 seconds. After watching the video, you might want to watch the whole Webinar which is pretty informative. It starts at 2 minutes and 55 seconds. Please note that the first presenter, Dr. Mike Ryan, Deputy Director General of the WHO, spends the first couple of minutes talking about the tragic sudden loss of Aiden O'Leary, the WHO official who was in charge of polio eradication at the World Health Organization. He will definitely be missed.

That's it for this week. As always, please keep those in Ukraine, those affected by the Israeli - Hamas/Hezbollah War, Haiti and the natural disaster victims around the globe in your thoughts,...and of course, the fight against polio.

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