



Polio update for January 17, 2025

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 😊.

2 NEW CASES OF WILD POLIO (WPV1) WERE REPORTED LAST WEEK, BOTH FROM PAKISTAN, AND OCCURRING IN 2024. SO THIS BRINGS US TO 95 CASES FOR THE 2024 YEAR (25 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 70 IN PAKISTAN). THERE WERE ALSO 17 WILD POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES (ES), ALL FROM PAKISTAN. No doubt these numbers may change as late reports come in over the next couple of months. Dates of the most recent wild poliovirus cases (WPV1):

Afghanistan: 11/05/24

Pakistan: 12/21/24

	As of 1/14/25		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison)						
	2025	(2024)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
WPV1 Afghanistan	0	(25)	25	6	2	4	56
WPV1-Pakistan	0	(70)	70	6	20	1	84
WPV1- Other Countries	0	(0)	0	0	8	1	0
Total WVP1	0	(95)	95	12	30	6	140
cVDPV2 (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus Cases) *	0	(15)	252	528	881	688	1,117

In our other battlefield against polio *11 NEW CASES of the circulating variant poliovirus, cVDPV2, were reported, occurring in 2024. There were also 11 new Positive Environmental Samples (ES).

***11 new cVDPV2 cases reported this week**

- Chad: 3 Type 2 cases this week: (29 cases in 2024 & 55 cases in 2023)
- Ethiopia: 7 Type 2 cases this week: (27 cases in 2024 & 1 case in 2023)
- Nigeria: 1. Type 2 case this week: (94 cases in 2024 & 97 cases in 2023)

Positive Environmental Sewage Samples (ES) reported this week:

Wild (WPV1) : ES = 17; Total in 2024; 729 2023 year's total; 189

Vaccine Derived (cVDPV): ES = * 11; Total in 2024; 251 s2023 year's total; 443

*Note: All 11 ES samples were collected in Germany in November & December of 2024

TWO U.S. LEGISLATORS SPEAK OUT ABOUT POLIO

Senator Mitch McConnell and Congressman Steve Cohen, both whom are Polio Survivors, have recently commented on President Trump's pick of Robert F. Kennedy for Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). To access their comments, [click here](#) for Senator McConnell's comments and [here](#) for Congressman Cohen's comments.

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

Bob

Your District PolioPlus Chair