



Polio update for February 20, 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 VIRUS TYPE 1 (WPV1)

GOOD NEWS EVERYONE. I'M HAPPY TO REPORT ANOTHER WEEK WITH NO NEW CASES OF WILD POLIO (WPV1) SHOWING UP THIS WEEK, THE 2ND WEEK IN A ROW. So the wild count for the 2025 year remains at 44. (31 in Pakistan and 13 in Afghanistan) and the 2026 count remains at zero. This compares to 2 for the same period in 2025).

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

Pakistan: 12/14/2025

Afghanistan: 10/24/25

WILD POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES TYPE 1 (ES)

There were 3 Positive Wild environmental samples however, all collected in Pakistan in January, 2026. Thus, the 2025 total remains at 728 and the YTD 2026 total ES increases to 23.

	As of 3rd February, 2026		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison)		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
	2026	(2025)					
WPV1 Afghanistan	0	(13)	9	25	6	2	4
WPV1-Pakistan	0	(31)	31)	74	6	20	1
WPV1- Other Countries	0	(0)	0	0	0	8	1
Total WVP1	0	(44)	40	99	12	30	6
cVDPV2 (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) cases type2) this week - 0	1	(25)	225	463	523	883	702

CIRCULATING VARIANT POLIO VIRUS CASES (cVDPV2)

In our other battlefront against polio, more good news. ZERO CASES OF THE VARIANT REPORTED THIS WEEK. Thus the 2025 total remains at 225 for all of 2025. The 2026 total of cVDPV remains at 1, compared to 0 for this same time last year.

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES OF VARIANT POLIO VIRUS (cVDPV)

There were 5 Positive Type 2 Environmental Samples reported this last week, 2 in Algeria, 2 in Namibia and 1 in Nigeria. All were collected in 2026 bringing the total YTD of 7 positive samples.

Pakistan - Health workers reach more than 45 million children

Health workers across Pakistan embarked on the country's first nationwide immunization campaign to reach more than 45 million children with polio vaccine. All sectors of civil and public society are regularly mobilized, including Rotary International, to make such campaigns a success. Open the above links for full details on this story.

And more good news...

Progress continues to be made in the African region in reducing the number of variant polioviruses across the continent. In 2025, there were 40% fewer cases reported than in 2024 with 90% of all cases occurring in four countries-Angola, Chad, Ethiopia, and Nigeria.

Clare Monroe, Senior
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Hungry???

Check out this menu

Appetizers

Homemade Crab Cakes with Roasted Bell Pepper Sauce
Homemade Butter Poached Lobster Sliders

1st Course

Parker House Rolls w/Dill Butter
Arugula, Snap Peas, I Fresh Mint and Goat Cheese Salad

Main Course

Bacon Wrapped Filet Mignon with Brandied Peppercorn Demiglaze
Fresh Asparagus with Lemon and Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Root Vegetable Gratin

Dessert

Fresh Strawberry Shortcake with Vanilla Cream
YUM!!!

Since 2018 The Rohnert Park Cotati Rotary Club has put on a fundraiser called “The World’s Greatest Meal” to raise money for PolioPlus. And thanks to some generous donors, and the skills of Chef Girard of Sally Tomatoes, they are able to offer this fabulous meal once again for only \$60, with \$40 being donated to PolioPlus IN YOUR NAME. How’s that for a great deal 😊 .

Save the date, Friday, April 10th and get ready for “The World’s Greatest Meal”. Seating may be limited, so don’t wait till the last minute. Go to [WORLD'S GREATEST MEAL](#) for what’s sure to be a fun evening.

That’s it for this week folks. Keep dry, and be thankful for all this wet stuff raining down on us.

Bob, your District PolioPlus Chair.