



## Polio update for March 27, 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)

**NO NEW CASEs REPORTED THIS LAST WEEK IN EITHER AFGHANISTAN, OR PAKISTAN. SO THE OVERALL 2025 COUNT REMAINS AT 52 (21 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 31 in PAKISTAN). The 2026 count remains at 1 case, compared to 7 cases at this same time last year. The dates of the most recent Wild Polio Cases, Type 1 are:**

**Pakistan: 2/10/2026**

**Afghanistan: 11/21/2025**

## WILD POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES TYPE 1 (ES)

**There were NO Positive Wild Environmental Samples reported this last week's as well, so the 2025 total remains at 754 and the YTD 2026 total to 44.**

	As of 17 March , 2026		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	2026	(2025)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>WPV1 Afghanistan</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1)</b>	21	25	6	2	4
<b>WPV1-Pakistan</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(6)</b>	31	74	6	20	1
<b>WPV1- Other Countries</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(0)</b>	0	0	0	8	1
<b>Total WVP1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(7)</b>	52	99	12	30	6
<b>cVDPV2 (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) cases type2) this week - 1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>(13)</b>	232	463	523	883	702

## **CIRCULATING VARIANT POLIO VIRUS CASES (cVDPV2)**

**In our other battlefront against polio, there was ONE CASE OF THE VARIANT, Type 2, REPORTED THIS WEEK in TOGO. This is the 2nd case for TOGO this year.**

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

**There were 2 Positive Type 2 Environmental Samples reported this last week, one from Namibia and one from London in UK (United Kingdom).**

### **Fractional dose IPV in Afghanistan**

Click [here](#) to view an impactful video of administration of fractional dose IPV (fIPV), using needle-free jet injectors, as part of intensified eradication efforts in Afghanistan. The country's polio programme is increasingly using innovative approaches to reach more children and stop virus transmission faster. Expanded use of fractional-dose inactivated polio vaccine (fIPV) alongside oral polio vaccine (OPV) helps strengthen immunity and accelerate progress toward interruption of transmission.

## **POLIO FUNDRAISERS**

### **Attention, Presidents at the North End of District 5130**

**A Reminder...Don't forget to tell your club members about the upcoming Pints for Polio event being put on by the two Arcata clubs on "Thursday April 9th at the Mad River Brewery.**

**It will be informal but will show a couple videos as well as have a table. They would like to encourage all of our local clubs to join them.**

## **Attention, Presidents at the South End of District 5130**

**This is a reminder that registration for the "World's Greatest Meal to END POLIO NOW" closes next Monday, April 6th.**

**WGM is where Rotarians and their friends get together for an over the top meal and to donate funds to the polio fight.**

**For more than 5 years, the Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati has partnered with Sally Tomatoes in hosting such an event. The WGM is coming up on Friday, April 10th, 2026. The gourmet menu is absolutely fabulous, as always:**

### **Appetizers**

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

### **1st Course**

**Parker House Rolls w/ Dill Butter  
Arugula, Snap Pea, 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**

**All this epicurean delight for only \$60, of which \$40 will be donated to PolioPlus in your name.**

**Please join us, register today at <https://qrco.de/b>  
please use the following public link:**

**<https://qrco.de/bgcliv> or contact me at [mailservice@DACdb.net](mailto:mailservice@DACdb.net) if you have any questions. Thanks Wulff Reinhold**

**And finally, here's GPEI's March issue of their newsletter (as a reminder GPEI is the Alliance that Rotary formed with WHO, and together we brought in the CDC, UNICEF, the Gates Foundation and GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations ). Together we are the public/private entity that has taken on the eradication of polio from the face of the earth. <https://polioeradication.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/polio-news-202603-en.pdf>**

**That's it folks. Enjoy the few days of wet weather we may receive, depending on where you reside in our District.**

**Bob**

**Your District PolioPlus Chair**