Rotary District 5130

Polio update for period ending November 5th, 2026

Note: This update is going out to all District 5130 Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Presidents-Nominees, Club FoundationChairs, 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 TYPE 1 (WPV1)

9 NEW CASES OF WILD POLIO WERE REPORTED THIS LAST WEEK (8 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 1 IN PAKISTAN), BRINGING OUR YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL TO 58. This compares to 39 cases last year at this time.

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

Pakistan: 09/18/2026 **Afghanistan: 09/30/2026**

	As of November 3, 2026 (YTD Comparison) 2026	(2025)	Total 2025	Total 2024	Total 2023	Total 2022	Total 2021
WPV1 Afghanistan	50	(9)	21	25	6	2	4
WPV1-Pakistan	8	(30)	31	74	6	20	1
WPV1- Other Countries	0	(0)	0	0	0	8	1
Total WVP1	58	(39)	52	99	12	30	6
cVDPV (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) cases this week *11	64	(67)	243	463	523	883	702

WILD POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES TYPE 1 (ES)

THERE WERE 27 NEW POSITIVE WILD ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES , 16 FROM AFGHANISTAN AND 11 FROM PAKISTAN. THIS BRINGS THE 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL TO 261. 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 *11 CASES REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

- **9 TYPE 2 CASES IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DR CONGO).**
- **2 Type 1 CASES IN ETHIOPIA for the year-to-date total of 220**

This compares to 172 cases at this same time last year.

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES OF VARIANT POLIO VIRUS (ES)

There were3 positive Environmental Samples reported last week , so the Year - to - Date total increases to 78. Last year's total remains at 249 for the full year.

There are 2 great videos I'd like you to watch. One is about when Rotary first got involved in polio in the Philippines called "The First Drops"



Note: After watching the "First Drops"video, you may have to go back to the email newsletter to get



the link for the 2nd story about Ramesh Ferris… Click on the pictures to get the videos.

The other video is about Ramesh Ferris, a Rotarian and polio survivor who, among other things, hand cycled across Canada to raise funds for PolioPlus.



District 5130's Torch Relay culminated in Petaluma on World Polio Day, October 24th…meeting it's goal of $50,000…and then some. The grand total ended up at $56,600 as of October 31st, the "official" cutoff date. However, some last minute contributions are still trickling in, so the actual amount will be slightly higher. Thanks to all who participated in this great event and especially to Torch Relay Chair Renee McKenna and District Public image chair Maggie,Padovani who made it all happen.

That's it for this issue folks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those involved in or exposed to the ongoing armed conflicts and natural disasters occurring throughout the world.
Stay safe…
Bob