

# THIS WEEK

## Polio this week as of 15 May 2018

- New on [www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org): Professor David Heymann, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, discusses what lessons smallpox eradication teaches us, and why it is critical to complete the job of polio eradication.
- The 17th International Health Regulations Emergency Committee regarding the international spread of poliovirus recommended that the temporary recommendations to prevent virus spread [be extended for a further period of three months](#).
- Summary of newly-reported viruses this week: Afghanistan: One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) positive environmental sample has been reported, in Kandahar province. Pakistan: One new WPV1 positive environmental sample has been reported, in Sindh.

## Wild poliovirus type 1 and Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases

Total cases	Year-to-date 2018		Year-to-date 2017		Total in 2017	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	8	4	5	0	22	96
—In Endemic Countries	8	0	5	0	22	0
—In Non-Endemic Countries	0	4	0	0	0	96

## Case breakdown by country

Countries	Year-to-date 2018		Year-to-date 2017		Total in 2017		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	7	0	3	0	14	0	3-Mar-2018	NA
Democratic Republic Of The Congo	0	4	0	0	0	22	NA	19-Feb-2018
Pakistan	1	0	2	0	8	0	8-Mar-2018	NA
Syrian Arab Republic	0	0	0	0	0	74	NA	21-Sep-2017

NA: Onset of paralysis in most recent case is prior to 2017. Figures exclude non-AFP sources. All cVDPV are type2. cVDPV definition: see document "Reporting and classification of vaccine-derived polioviruses" at [\[pdf\]](#)

## Weekly country updates as of 15 May 2018

- + **Afghanistan**
- + **Pakistan**
- + **Nigeria**
- + **Lake Chad Basin**
- + **Central Africa**
- + **Horn of Africa**

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