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Status: affected by vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (VDPV2)

On 19 September 2019, an outbreak of polio was declared in the Philippines.

Polio this week in Philippines

- One case of vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (VDPV2) was reported from Lanao Del Sur district, Mindanao province this week, with an onset date of paralysis on 26 June 2019. The Department of Health and local government units, with support from the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF, are currently investigating the case.
- Read our [Philippines](#) country page to see information on cases, surveillance and response to the developing situation.

WHO advice

It is important that all countries, in particular those with frequent travel and

contacts with polio-affected countries and areas, strengthen surveillance for AFP cases in order to rapidly detect any new virus importation and to facilitate a rapid response. Countries, territories and areas should also maintain uniformly high routine immunization coverage at the district level to minimize the consequences of any new virus introduction.

International Health Regulations

Philippines is classified by the International Health Regulations (IHR) as a state infected with VDPV2, with potential risk of international spread. It is therefore subject to temporary recommendations as of [May 2019](#).

Travel advice

WHO's International Travel and Health [recommends](#) that all travellers to polio-affected areas be fully vaccinated against polio. Residents (and visitors for more than 4 weeks) from infected areas should receive an additional dose of OPV or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) within 4 weeks to 12 months of travel.

More on vaccine-derived polioviruses

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