

Appendix

Supplementary Table 1: National-level public health communication activities in the first 3 months following detections of cVDPV2 in wastewater in Germany, 2024–2025.

Communication activity	Conducted or published by	Target audience	Publication date	Reference/ Link to source (in German)
Threat report #1	RKI	Public health authorities and medical community	2024/28/11	https://www.doi.org/10.25646/12938
Social media posts	RKI	Public health authorities and medical community; general population	2024/11/28 onwards	https://www.instagram.com/p/DC6swDjIF42/ (2024/11/28) https://www.instagram.com/p/DDhNhxc0oOV/ (2024/12/13) https://www.instagram.com/p/DFNI16N0eN3/ (2025/01/24)
RKI Guidance on Poliomyelitis	RKI	Public health authorities and medical community	2024/11/28	https://www.rki.de/DE/Aktuelles/Publikationen/RKI-Ratgeber/Ratgeber_Poliomyelitis.html
Info websites on poliomyelitis	BIOEG	General population	2024/11/29 onwards	https://web.archive.org/web/20241208131630/https://www.impfen-info.de/impfempfehlungen/fuer-kinder-0-12-jahre/polio-kinderlaehmung/#tab-24132-c10153 https://web.archive.org/web/20241201000619/https://www.infektionsschutz.de/ https://web.archive.org/web/20241129190811/https://www.bzga.de/
Radio spot	BMG	General population	December 2024	NA
Threat report #2	RKI	Public health authorities and medical community	2024/12/04	https://www.doi.org/10.25646/12945
Frequently asked questions around poliovirus detections in wastewater	RKI	General population	2024/12/09	http://rki.de/polio-abwasser-faq
Statement by Germany's National Immunization Technical Advisory Group	STIKO	Public health authorities and medical community	2024/12/12	https://doi.org/10.25646/12958
Scientific publication on polio immunization coverage	RKI	Public health authorities and medical community	2024/12/12	https://doi.org/10.25646/12955
Flowchart to check the polio vaccination status of children and adults	RKI	General population	2024/12/17	https://www.rki.de/DE/Themen/Infektionskrankheiten/Impfen/Impfungen-A-Z/Poliomyelitis-Kinderlaehmung/Impfstatus-Ueberpruefung-Tab.html
Statement by the National Committee for Poliomyelitis Eradication	NCC	Public health authorities and medical community	2024/12/20	https://www.rki.de/DE/Themen/Infektionskrankheiten/Impfen/Eliminationsprogramme/Kommission-Polioeradikation/Stellungnahme_2024-12-20.html
Threat report #3	RKI	Public health authorities and medical community	2025/01/24	https://edoc.rki.de/handle/176904/12373

Abbreviations: BIOEG = Bundesinstitut für Öffentliche Gesundheit (German Institute of Public Health); BMG = Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (German Federal Ministry of Health); NA = not available; NCC = National Committee for Poliomyelitis Eradication; RKI = Robert Koch Institute.

Supplementary Figure 1. Knowledge about polio and the polio vaccine.

