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One Suspected Case of Polio Reported in Bihar Under Investigation

One suspected case of poliovirus has been reported in Darbhanga district of Bihar. The case is under detailed investigation. As a measure of abundant precaution, an immunization drive is being carried out in 28 districts of Bihar early next week.

The case is suspected to be of wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3). Bihar has not had any case of WPV3 since January 2010. India has been polio free since 13 January 2011. The WPV3 strain is prevalent in Nigeria and Pakistan.

Further information will be shared when the results of the full investigations are available.

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