

# Recommendations for countries in the Region of the Americas to decrease the risk of a polio outbreak

- Countries should develop a risk mitigation plan and implement the necessary actions to **assure high vaccination coverage** and a **sensitive surveillance system**.
- Look for **training opportunities on the different components of the polio program** for all the health system levels.
- AFP cases that present with fever, asymmetrical paralysis, and have no history of vaccination should be **reported immediately**
- **Expedite the shipment of stool specimens** to the corresponding laboratory.
- Have an updated **polio outbreak response plan**.
- Countries should **review the recommendations provided by the RCC** in December 2021 and work towards their implementation.
- Polio laboratories should be prepared for a rapid response