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PRESS RELEASE

National Public Health Agency and Ministry of Health Confirm First Case of Type 2 Polio Virus in Three Years

The National Public Health Agency (NPHA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH), announces the **confirmation of a Type 2 Polio Virus (PV2) in a four-year-old male child** from the **Approved School Community in Westernn Area Urban, Freetown**.

The sample was collected **on June 17, 2024**, and sent to **Abidjan** for further analysis. The laboratory is still working to determine whether the virus is circulating or vaccine-derived. **This case marks the first detection of PV2 in a child since 2021.**

We want to reassure the public that there **is no cause for alarm**. In May and June 2024, two rounds of supplementary immunization were conducted, **achieving coverage rates of 99.5% and 98%**, respectively. These efforts are part of our ongoing commitment to safeguard public health.

The NPHA and MOH are working tirelessly to protect the community from public health threats and ensure the safety and well-being of all citizens. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as necessary.

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