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| Containment Advisory Group (CAG) |
| The Fourth Meeting of the Containment Advisory Group (CAG) will be held in June 2019. Submissions on technical issues related to the implementation of the Global Action Plan for Poliovirus Containment (GAPIII)[[1]](#footnote-1), or other issues related to poliovirus containment including as described in the terms of reference of the CAG, can be made at any time:

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| CAG serves an advisory body to the DG, WHO and makes recommendations on technical issues related to the implementation of GAPIII. The CAG also provides: |
| 1. Recommendations to WHO on technical issues arising from implementation of GAPIII;
2. Guidance on the handling of poliovirus-related materials for diagnosis, research and vaccine production (including production of VLPs, pseudoviruses, new OPV, etc.);
3. Guidance on the identification and categorization of poliovirus potentially infectious materials, their destruction, or handling and storage[[2]](#footnote-2);
4. Guidance on the identification of acceptable alternative containment solutions in the interim period, before full eradication
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| The CAG continues to meet regularly. Reports of the CAG are published at: <http://polioeradication.org/tools-and-library/policy-reports/advisory-reports/containment-advisory-group/> |
| 1. First meeting of the CAG, 19-20 June 2017, Geneva, Switzerland
2. Second meeting of the CAG, 28-30 November 2017, Geneva, Switzerland
3. Teleconference of the CAG (CAG TC1) on Showers, 25 January 2018
4. Teleconference of the CAG (CAG TC2) on Novel Poliovirus Strains, 8 March 2018
5. Criteria for the evaluation of improved ‘safety’ of novel poliovirus strains to determine the containment requirements for their storage and handling
6. Teleconference of the CAG (CAG TC3) on nOPV2 and S19-poliovirus type 2 strains, 7 June 2018

6.1 Addendum to the Report of the Teleconference of the CAG (CAG TC3) on nOPV2 and  S19-poliovirus strains, 14 December 20181. Adhoc Teleconference of the CAG (CAG TC4) on Tertiary Safeguard, 14 August 2018
2. Consolidated list of most up-to-date CAG recommendations effective as of August 2018
3. Third meeting of the CAG, 13-14 December 2018, Geneva, Switzerland
4. Fourth meeting of the CAG, June 2019 (TBC)
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| Submissions should be made using the enclosed template. Submissions should be clear, complete and made as detailed as possible with all necessary information and data for a deliberation to be made. Submissions can be made at any time. However, the last day for complete submissions to be accepted for consideration at the Fourth Meeting of the CAG is 30 May 2019. Submissions received after will still be considered at subsequent CAG meetings (in-person or regular teleconferences).The enclosed template for submission of issues to the CAG has five sections to be completed with all relevant information and data provided: |
| Section 1: | Name and accurate contact details of the person/entity submitting the request. |
| Section 2: | Summary statement of the request |
| Section 3: | * Identification of the relevant GAPIII section or other containment publications should be referenced in the submission.
* Background and contextual Information and justification supporting the submission being made including citation of reference, highlighting clearly the summary of available data or evidence to support the request.
* Additional information relevant for a deliberation to be made by CAG (optional)
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| Section 4: | Proposed alternative measure/requirement and supporting data available, if any.  |
| Section 5: (optional) | Annexes which may include list of references (important excerpts from these references may be highlighted and is helpful). Available supplementary data, including unpublished should be included. for a deliberation to be made and a recommendation reached.  |
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| The completed template and supporting documentation should be submitted via e-mail to containment@who.int. |

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| Template for submission of technical issues to the Containment Advisory Group (CAG), linked to the GAPIII, relevant containment resources or other matters related to containment of poliovirus. |

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| Section 1: Name and contact details of the person/entity submitting the request (Name of the organization(s) consulted and/or supporting the request) |
| Date of Submission:  YYYY-Month-Day  |
| Name of sender (Title/First Name/LAST NAME) \*:      | Email: (Indicate institutional ID or personal ID)       |
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| Name of the organization(s) consulted and/or supporting the request, if any: |       |
| If this is a joint submission, please indicate the, name(s), email ID, current affiliation and contact details of each member:  |
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| \*Corresponding individual |

Before you proceed, please ensure that the submission you are about to make has not been previously addressed by the CAG or newer evidence is now available on a previous issue for CAG’s re-consideration. Previous reports of the CAG are available at: <http://polioeradication.org/tools-and-library/policy-reports/advisory-reports/containment-advisory-group/>,

Please adjust the space provided in the sections that follows or attach additional sheets, as needed. Sections 2 to 5 should not appear on the same page as Section 1.

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| [ ]  | Please check this box if this submission is for consideration of the CAG at its Fourth Meeting, June 2019 |

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| Section 2: Summary statement of the request |
| Issue/Question/Proposal to the CAG:      |

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| Section 3: Information and justification supporting the request (background and context, identification of relevant GAPIII sections, summary of available supporting data and list of relevant references) |
| Section(s) of GAPIII or other containment publications referenced in this submission:      |
| Background and contextual Information and justification supporting the submission being made including citation of reference, highlighting clearly the summary of available data or supporting evidence.      |
| Additional helpful information relevant for a deliberation to be made by CAG (optional)      |

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| Section 4: Proposed alternative measure/requirement and supporting data |
| Describe risks associated with the material or procedure:      |
| Risk Mitigation (Describe how the risks will be reduced/minimized/eliminated and verified as such)      |

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| Section 5: List of Annexes |
| Annex 1:       (insert title of the annex) |
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| Annex 2:       (insert title of the annex) |
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| Annex 3:       (insert title of the annex) |
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1. Global Plan of Action for Poliovirus Containment (GAPIII). Available at: <http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/preparing-for-a-polio-free-world/containment/containment-resources/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Guidance to minimize risks for facilities collecting, handling or storing materials potentially infectious for polioviruses. Available at: <http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/preparing-for-a-polio-free-world/containment/containment-resources/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)