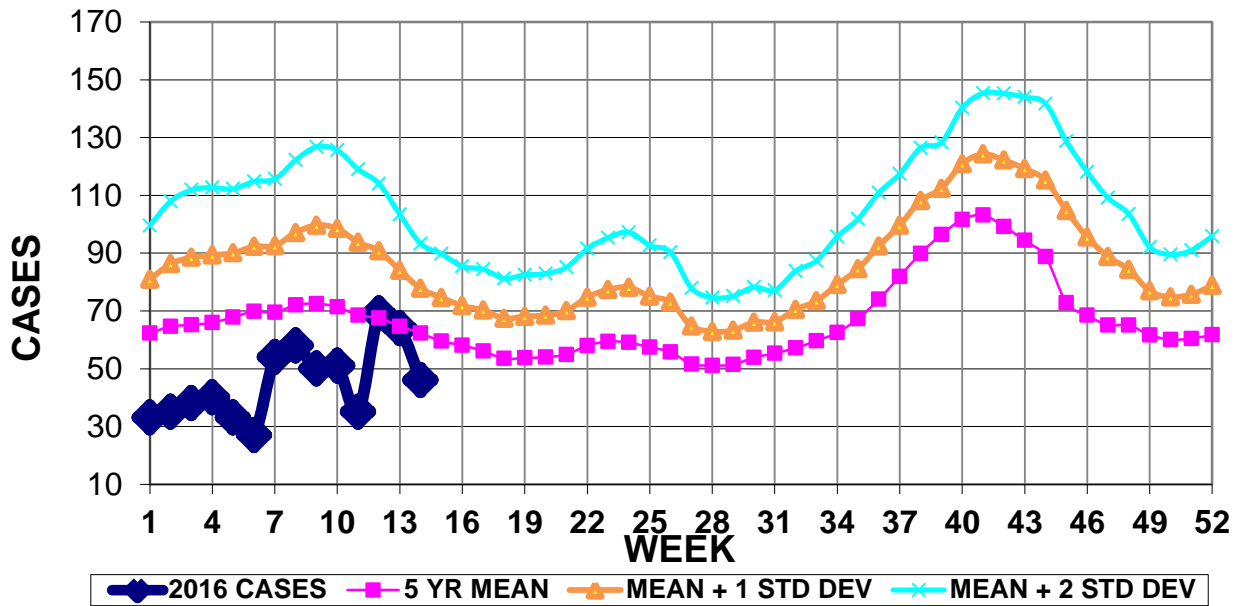


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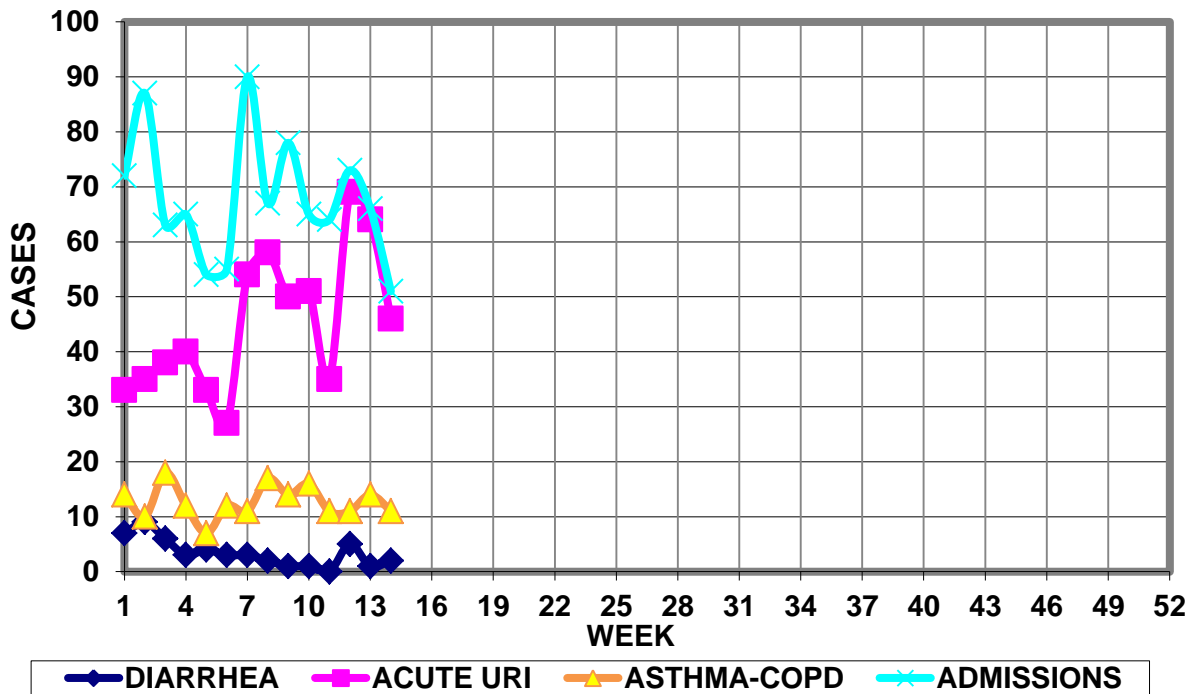
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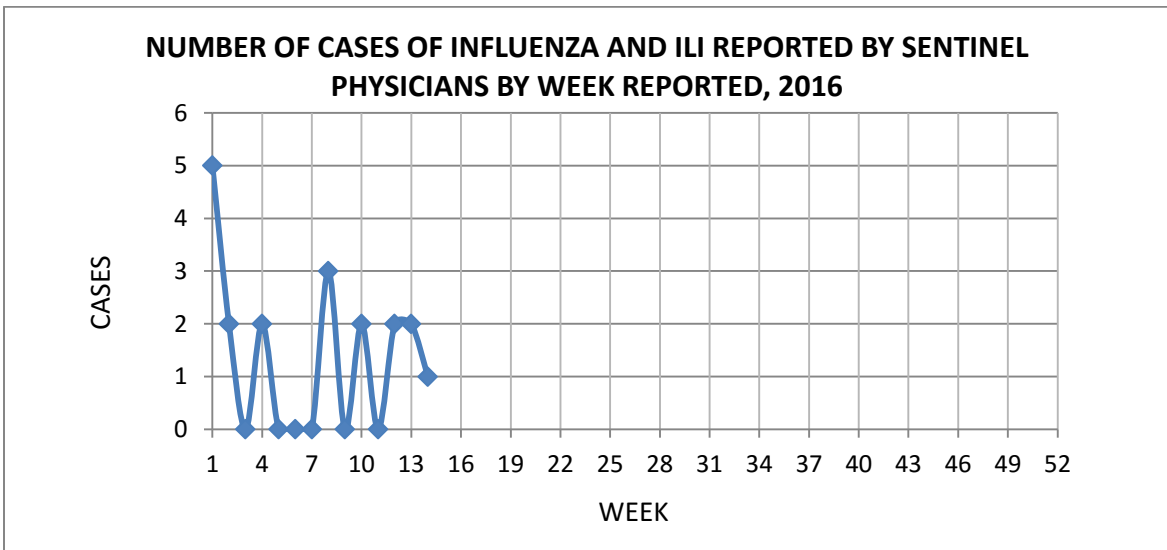
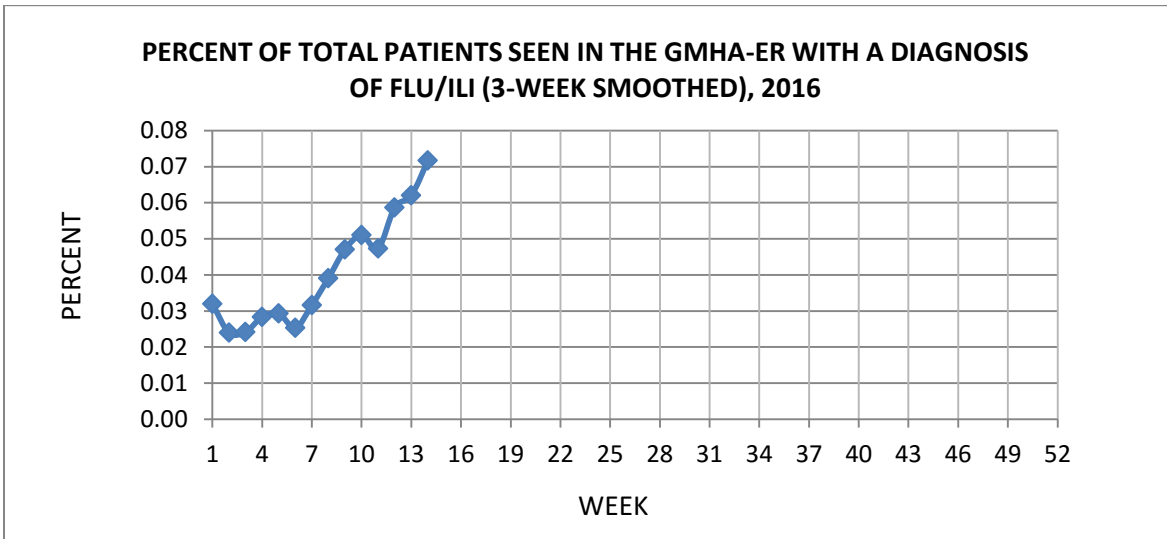
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**GUAM ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION SURVEILLANCE 2016;
 GMHA-EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PATIENTS BY WEEK SEEN**



**GUAM SYNDROMIC DISEASE SURVEILLANCE
 GMHA-ED PATIENT DIAGNOSES BY WEEK, 2016**





GUAM SENTINEL PHYSICIAN INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE

REPORTS OF INFLUENZA OR INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESSES RECEIVED FOR THE WEEK ENDING 4/9/16

One case reported by sentinel physicians

Bureau of Communicable Disease Control
 Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services
H1N1 INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE
 0 CASES OF H1N1 REPORTED FOR 2016 WEEK 14
Cumulative 2016: 25 civilian & 2 military cases

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**HOSPITALIZATIONS FOR INFLUENZA A BY AGE
 AND MORBIDITY REPORTING WEEK, 2016**

AGE	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TOTAL
0-4											
5-18											
19-24											
25-49											
50-64											
65+											
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Bureau of Communicable Disease Control
Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services
ISLAND-WIDE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT

REPORTS RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4/9/2016

<i>Achromobacter xylosoxidans</i> MDR	1
<i>A. baumannii</i> MDR, Meropenem resistant	2
Chickenpox	5
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>	18
Conjunctivitis	5
Encephalitis (meningococcal)	1
<i>E. coli</i> MDR, ESBL+	1
Gonorrhea	2
Hepatitis C	1
Hepatitis (untyped)	1
Influenza (untyped)	1
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> MDR, ESBL+	2
MRSA	13
<i>Morganella morgani</i> MDR	1
<i>Pseudomonas aruginosa</i> MDR	1
Scabies	11
Scarlet fever	2
Streptococcal sore throat	3
Streptococcal disease, other	4

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**GMHA-EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CLINICAL DIAGNOSES OF INFLUENZA OR
FLU-SYNDROME BY WEEK AND PATIENT'S VILLAGE OF RESIDENCE, 2016**

(Villages listed geographically from northern-most to southern-most)

VILLAGE	WEEK										TOTAL	2016 RATE
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
Yigo	1	0	4	1	3	1	2	1	4	3	23	109.65
Dededo	1	1	3	4	3	5	1	8	4	4	45	98.05
Tamuning	1	0	1	2	2	3	1	0	7	2	20	99.49
Barrigada	0	1	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	11	121.37
Mangilao	1	0	3	3	1	6	2	1	4	1	25	161.14
Mongmong-T-M	1	0	3	2	0	2	3	2	1	2	19	272.60
Hagatña	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	93.20
Agaña Heights	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	5	128.57
Sinajana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	113.34
Chalan Pago-Ordot	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	2	1	8	114.83
Asan-Maina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	320.81
Piti	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	67.34
Santa Rita	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	9	144.86
Agat	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	9	179.25
Yona	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	10	151.10
Talofofo	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	96.31
Inarajan	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	2	2	0	10	430.85
Merizo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	158.81
Umatac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tourist	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
TOTAL	8	5	22	17	20	23	12	30	27	19	219	134.57

NOTE: Rate = cases per 100,000 population for the year to date.

GMHA-ER INFLUENZA/ILI ACTIVITY LEVEL – REGIONAL (9 of 19 villages affected)

(ACTIVITY LEVELS: No activity, Sporadic, Local, Regional, Widespread)

GMHA-ER INFLUENZA/ILI ACTIVITY BY AGE – WEEK 14

GENDER	Total	< 1	1 – 4	5 - 9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+	UNK
MALE	12	5	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0
FEMALE	7	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	19	8	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0

GUAM ANIMAL DISEASE (ZOOSES) REPORTS

Babesiosis – 2 canine, Ehrlichiosis – 1 canine

FDA finalizes rule to improve food safety during transport

The FDA today released a final rule that will prevent food contamination during motor or rail vehicle transport, according to a press release. It is the sixth of seven regulations to be finalized under the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, which aims to enhance preventive measures averting foodborne illnesses.

The new rule requires those engaged in transporting human and animal food, including shippers, loaders, carriers and receivers, to follow sanitary transportation procedures, such as properly refrigerating food, ensuring vehicles are sufficiently cleaned between loads and protecting food during transportation.

“Consumers deserve a safe food supply and this final rule will help to ensure that all those involved in the farm-to-fork continuum are doing their part to ensure that the food products that arrive in our grocery stores are safe to eat,” Michael R. Taylor, JD, FDA deputy commissioner for foods and veterinary medicine, said in the release.

The rule, proposed in February 2014, reflects more than 200 comments submitted by the transportation industry, food industry, government regulatory partners, international trading partners, consumer advocates, tribal organizations and others, according to the release. Businesses will be required to adhere to the new regulation 1 year after it is published; smaller businesses have up to 2 years to comply.

“We recognize the importance of education and training in achieving widespread compliance, and we are committed to working with both industry and our government partners to ensure effective implementation of all of the new food safety rules under the Food Safety Modernization Act [(FSMA)],” Taylor said in the release.

The other regulations previously finalized under the FSMA include two rules that require food facilities to implement modern preventive practices in food processing and storage facilities, one rule that institutes science-based food safety standards for large- and small-scale produce farms, and two rules that require international food importers to verify that suppliers meet U.S. domestic safety standards. According to a previous FDA press release, the seventh and final rule is expected to be finalized this year.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm383763.htm>

Note: Food poisoning outbreaks have occurred on Guam in the past as a result of transporting ready-to-eat meals to the Agana Lockup from the Department of Corrections and to schools without kitchens from a central kitchen.