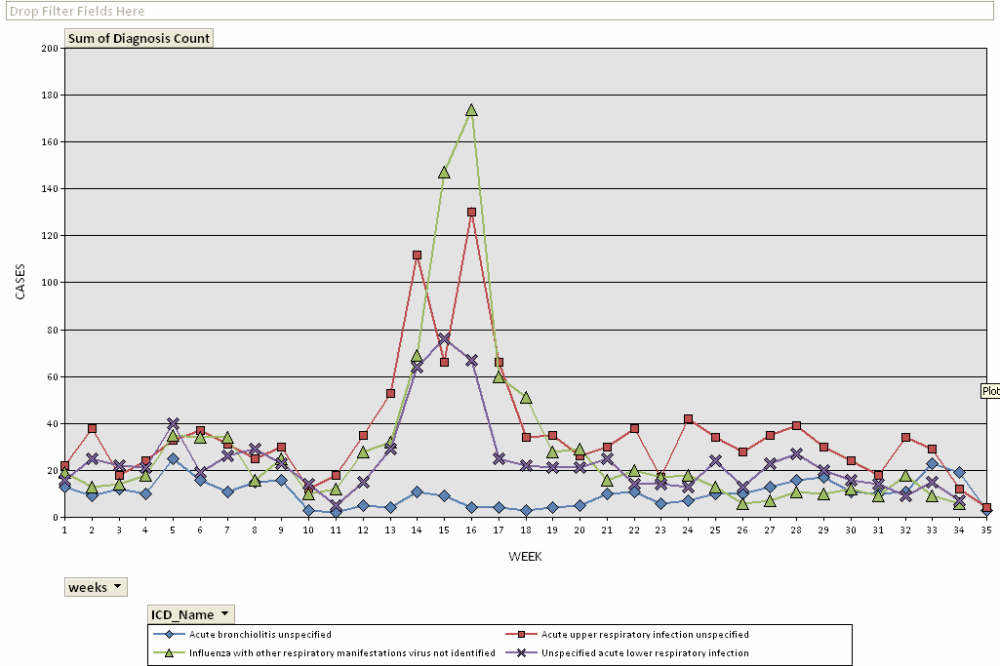
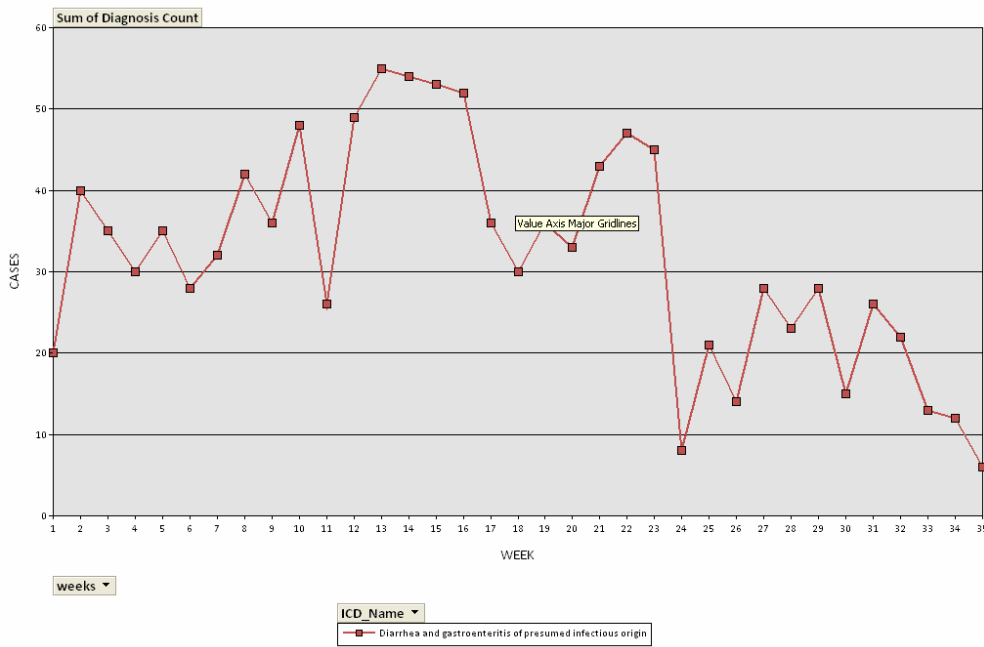


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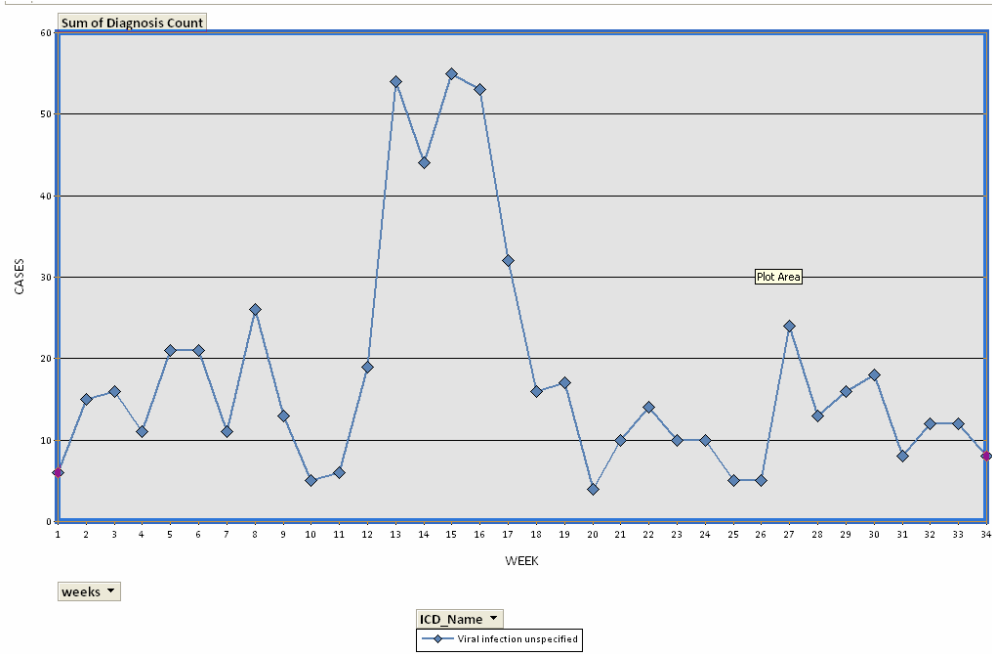
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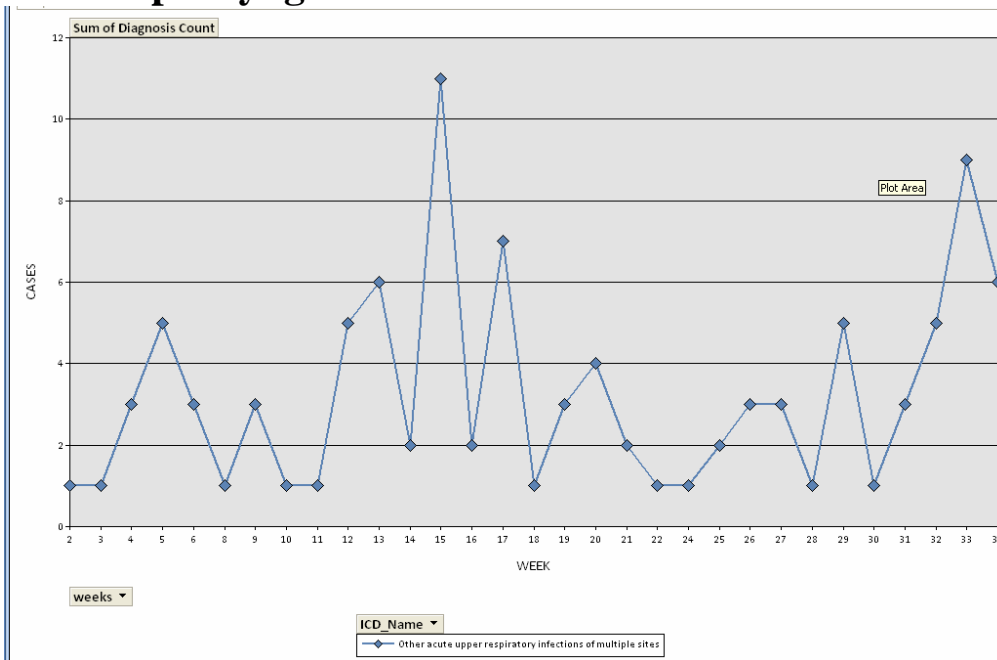
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Tonsillopharyngitis



Epidemiology Notes: MDR TB in Chuuk State, FSM: Progress Update

The Chuuk State TB Program would like to update the Pacific Community on progress made to control the spread of MDR TB in Chuuk.

Currently, six individuals have been identified as MDR patients or suspects. These individuals have been hospitalized and are currently undergoing treatment with newly procured second-line anti-tuberculosis medications. The TB cases will be hospitalized for at least six months while undergoing treatment with IV and oral medication. Additional treatment with oral medication for two years is anticipated.

With the assistance of CDC Epi-Aid team, FSM National Program, CNMI and WHO, more than 200 contacts have been identified. Despite carefully screening most potential contacts, no additional TB suspects have been identified in the past three weeks.

All known infectious patients are identified and undergoing supervised treatment in an isolation facility. Close contacts have been carefully screened. Therefore, there is no increased risk of MDR transmission to travelers coming in to Chuuk currently. Additionally, as no known infectious patients will be permitted to travel outside Chuuk, there is no increased risk of MDR transmission to other jurisdictions from individuals who have been in Chuuk.

Further efforts will include:

- 1. Completion of any remaining contact evaluations.**
- 2. Procurement of additional prophylactic medications for treating contacts.**
- 3. Minor surgical procedures to assure MDR diagnosis and provide secure IV access.**
- 4. Procure additional furnishings for the secure isolation facility at Chuuk State Hospital.**
- 5. Increase program capacity by training new DOT workers to deliver TB treatment according to strict DOT standards.**

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