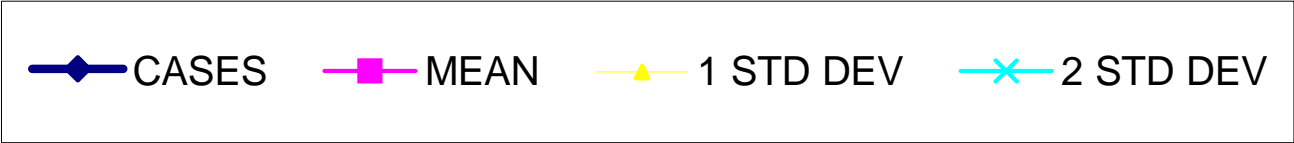
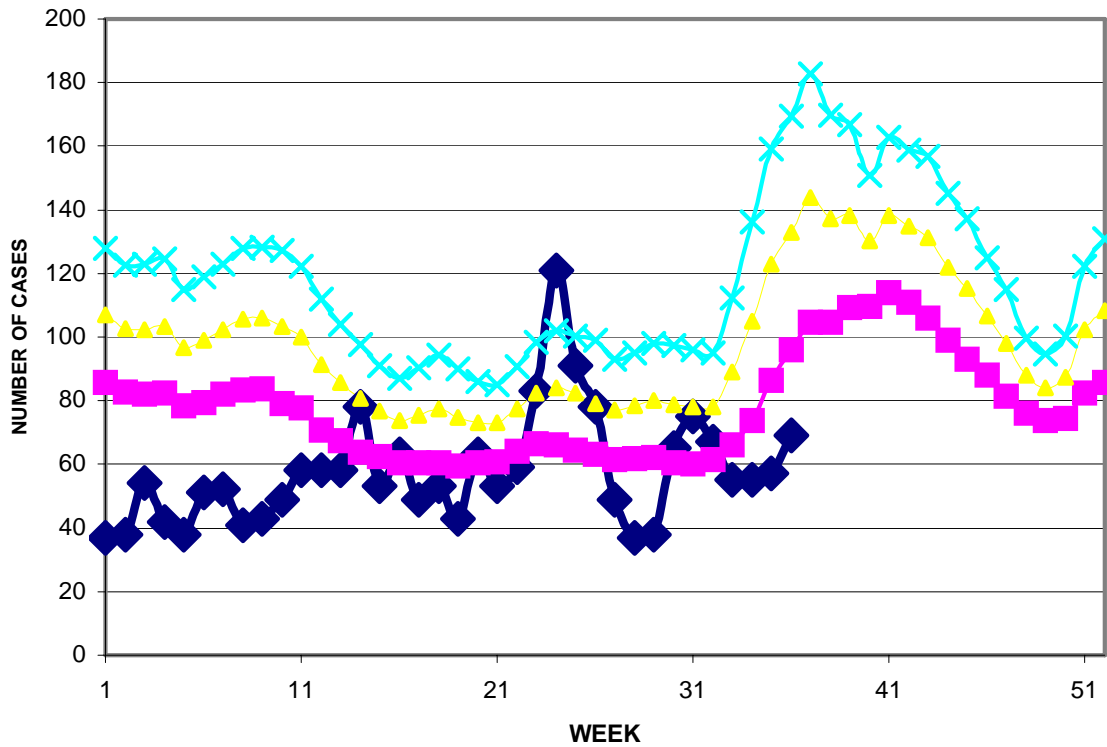


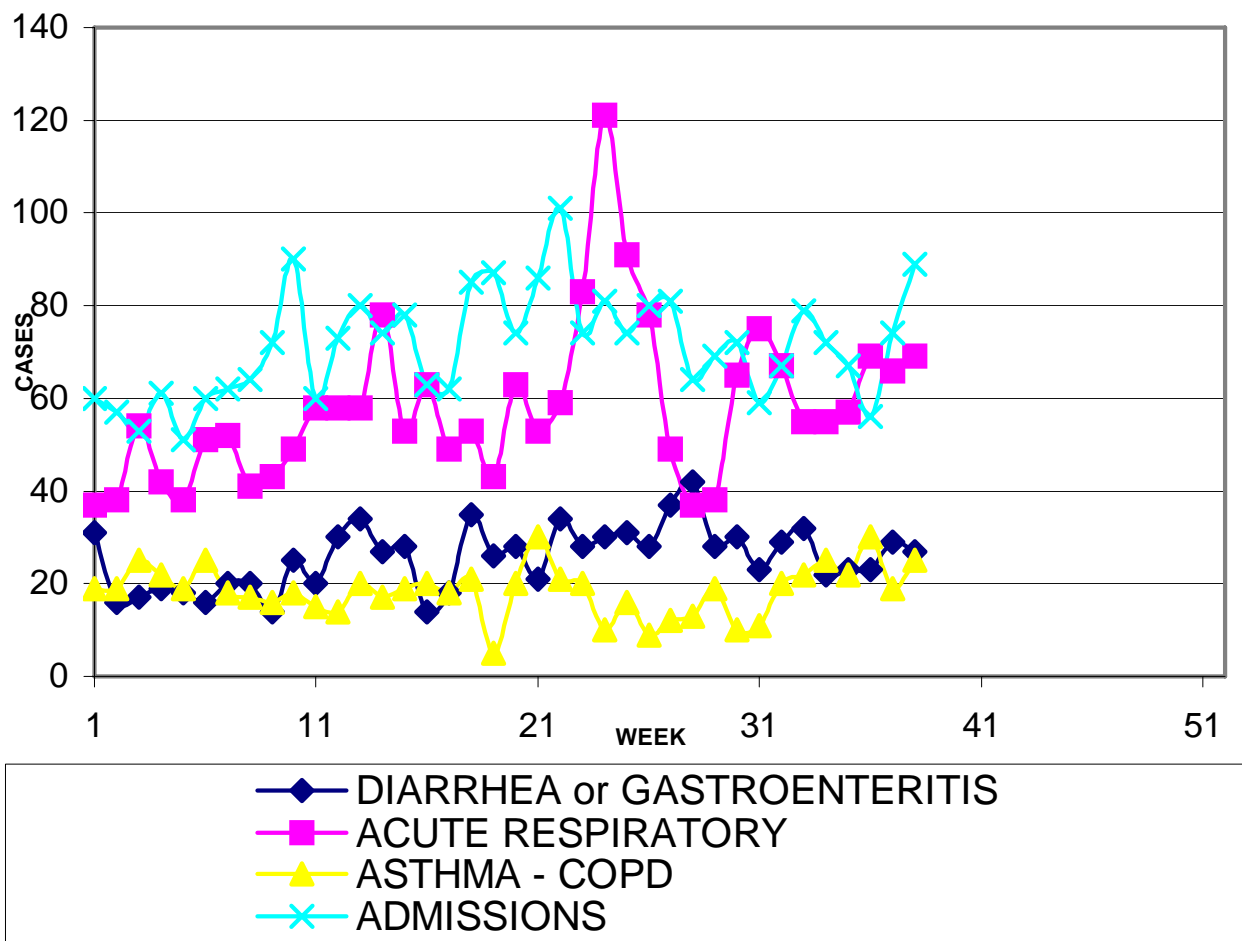
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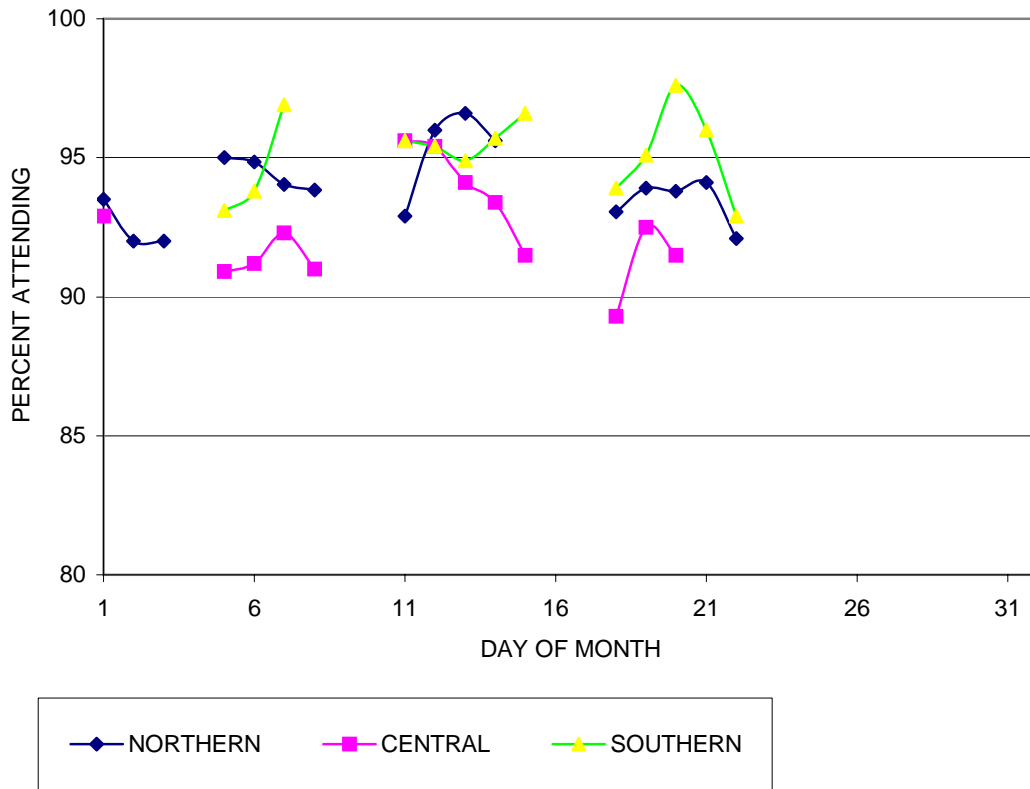
**GUAM ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISEASE SURVEILLANCE, 2006;
NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN IN THE GMHA-ED BY WEEK SEEN**



**GUAM SYNDROMIC DISEASE SURVEILLANCE
GMHA-ED PATIENT DIAGNOSES BY WEEK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006**



**GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BY REGION
DAILY PERCENT ATTENDING , SEPTEMBER 2006**



GUAM COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT

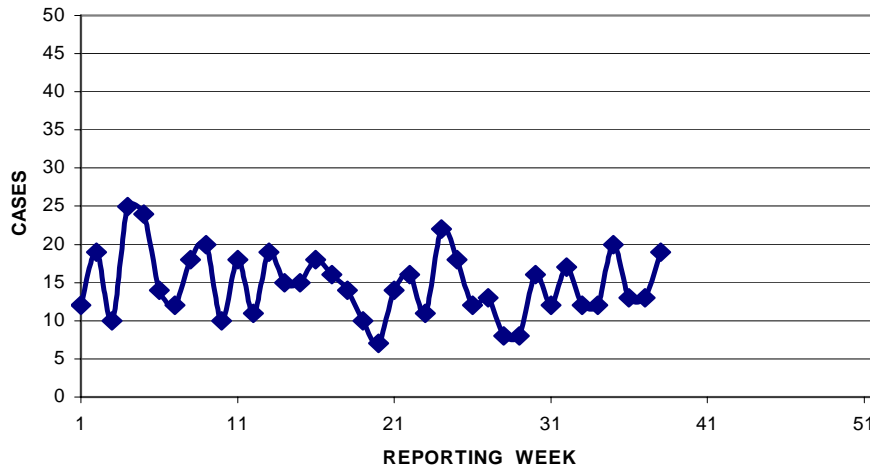
REPORTS RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK ENDING 9/23/2006

DISEASE	NUMBER
C. DIFFICILE	3
CHICKENPOX	4
CHLAMYDIA	8
CONJUNCTIVITIS	6
FOOD POISONING	1
GIARDIASIS	1
GONORRHEA	1
MRSA	7
STREP SORE THROAT	13
Total	44

NOTE: The food poisoning case listed above was unrelated to the illnesses reported at Chief Brodie Memorial School.

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**PNEUMONIA REPORTED BY GUAM MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES
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GUAM PERTUSSIS UPDATE

As of September 25, 2006, no new suspect pertussis cases have been reported for the previous week. The number of confirmed pertussis cases remains at 7 and the number of previously reported probable cases has been increased to 42.

GUAM - POSSIBLE FOOD POISONING INCIDENT

Beginning the evening of Monday, September 18, the first of 136 students and 5 staff from the Chief Brodie Elementary School of Tamuning, Guam, began feeling ill. Most victims had recovered within 24-48 hours. Diarrhea rather than vomiting was the predominant symptom of the illness. Difficulty in gaining access to those affected and in finding a laboratory to conduct appropriate examination of specimens collected has delayed the investigation. The investigation is ongoing.