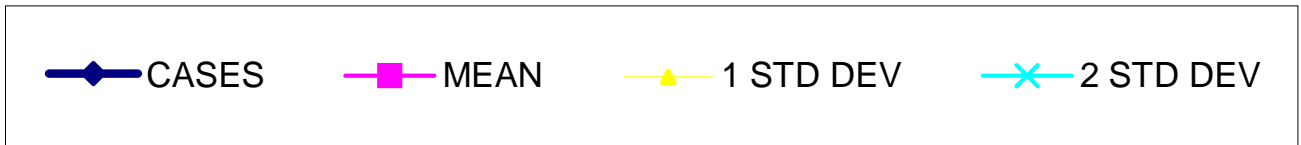
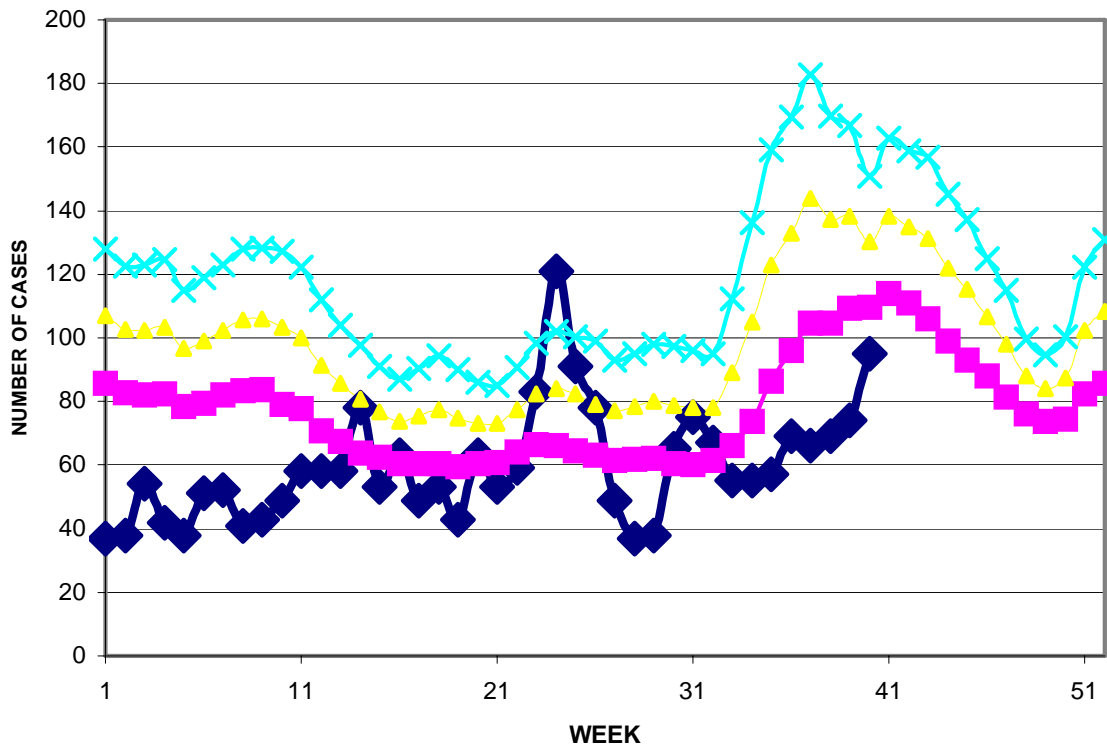


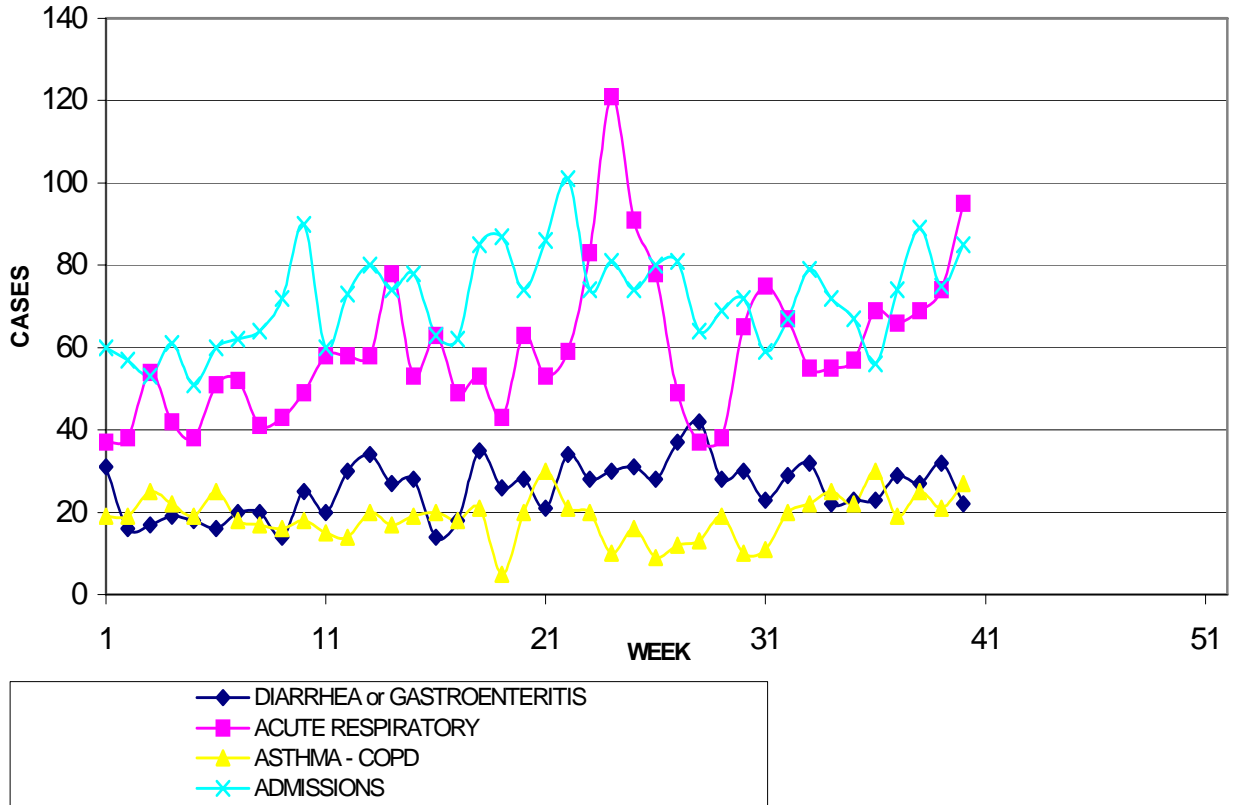
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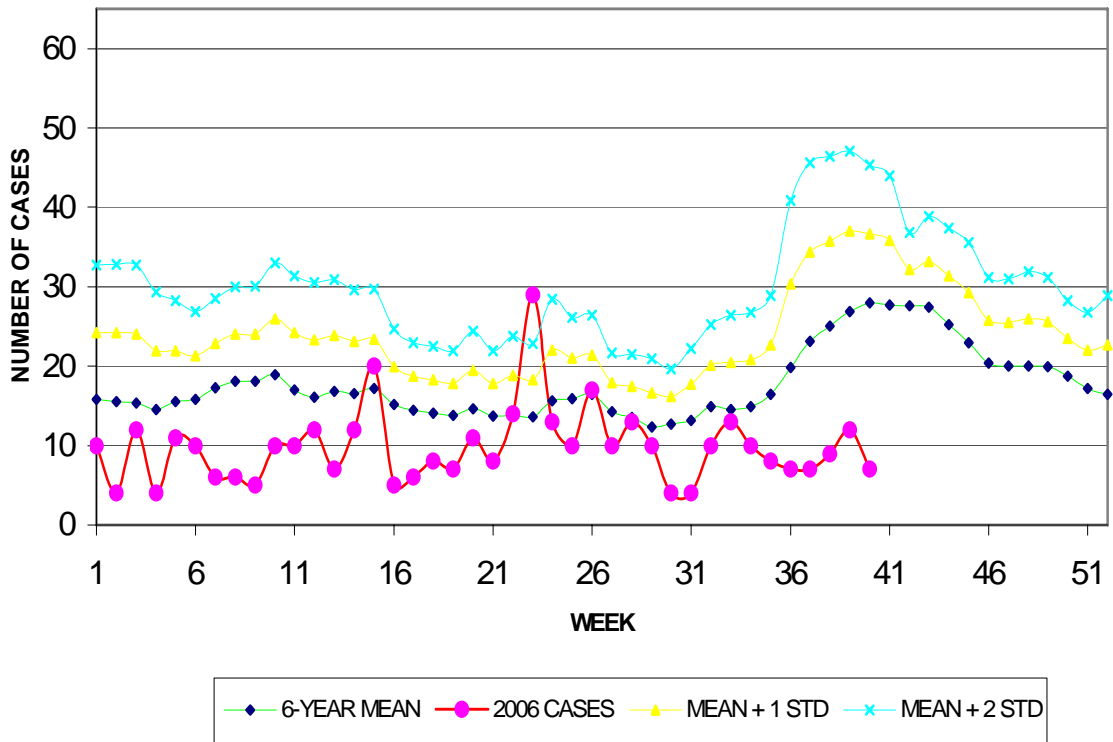
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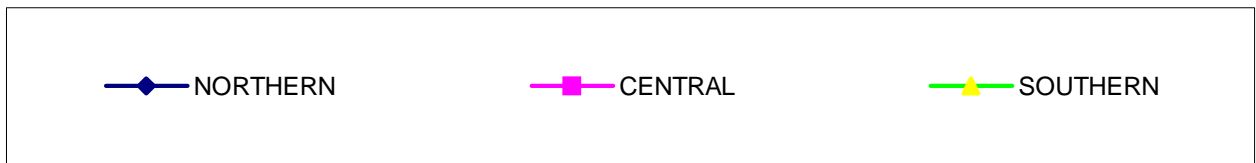
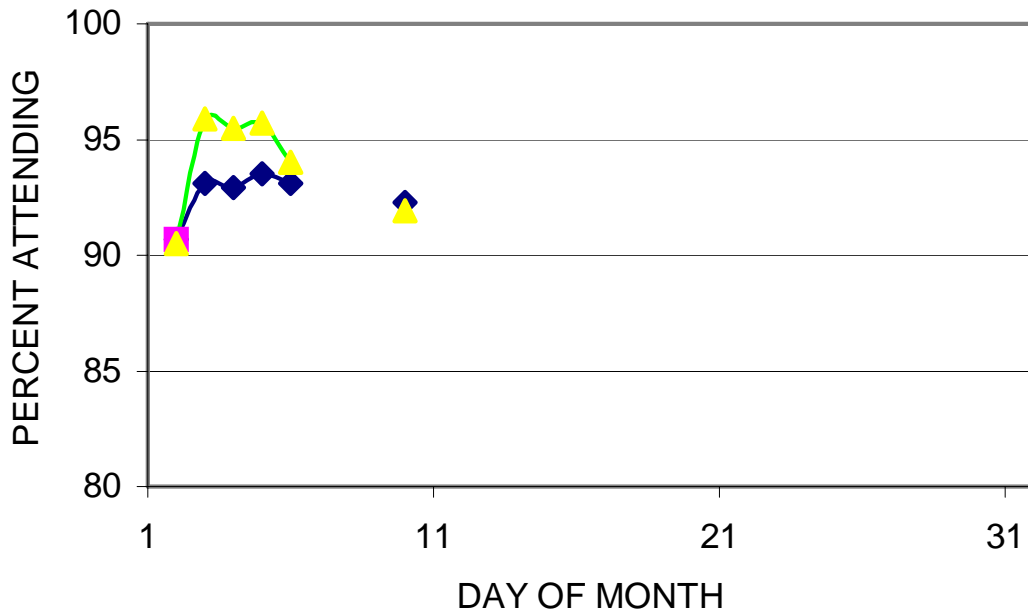
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**GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BY REGION
DAILY PERCENT ATTENDING , OCTOBER 2006**

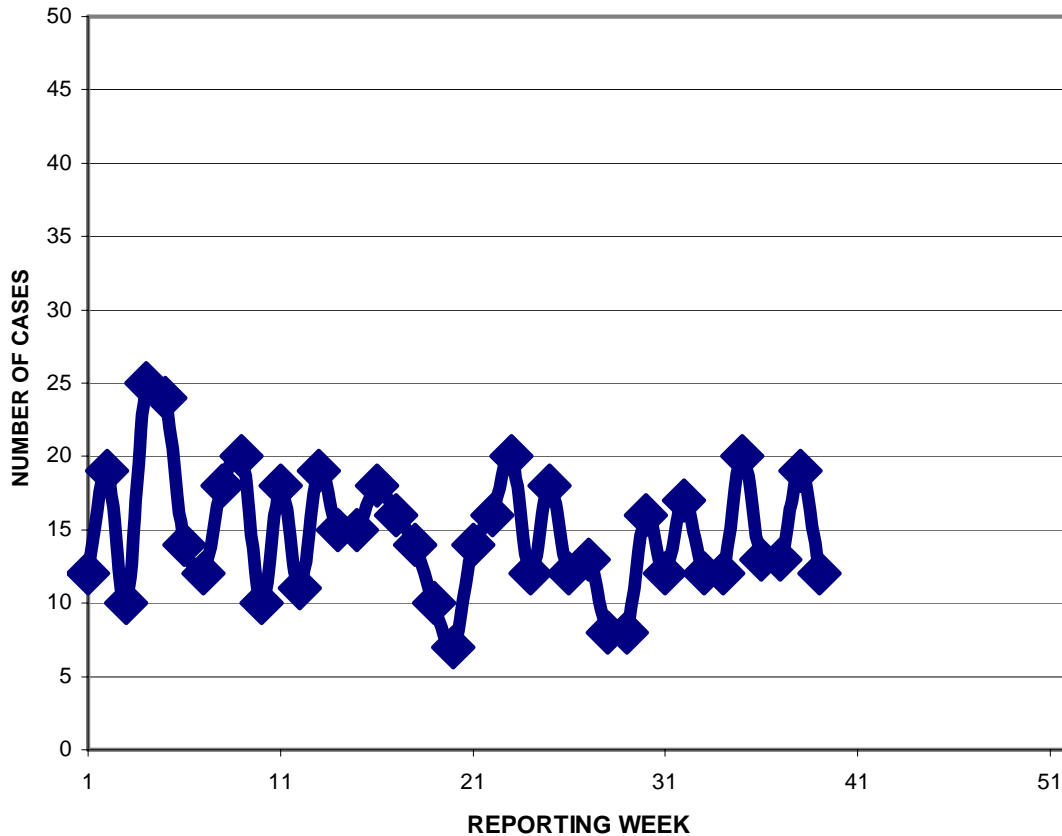


GUAM COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT
REPORTS RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK ENDING 10/7/2006

DISEASE	CASES
CAMPYLOBACTER	1
CHICKENPOX	8
CHLAMYDIA	4
CONJUNCTIVITIS	7
DENGUE	1
HEPATITIS VIRAL	1
MRSA	4
SALMONELLOSIS	2
STREP SORE THROAT	21
SYPHILIS, CONGENITAL	1
SYPHILIS, LATENT	1
VRE	1
Total	52

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**PNEUMONIA CASES SEEN IN GUAM MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES
BY WEEK REPORTED, 2006**



DENGUE FEVER

On October 4, 2006, a 2 year-old male resident of Guam who had recently returned from a trip to the Philippines was admitted to Guam Memorial Hospital with fever, bleeding gums and petechiae. Preliminary diagnosis was dengue fever, serology results are pending. Two cases of suspected dengue reported earlier this year also had histories of recent travel in the Philippines. One had a positive IGM (Elisa 11.34), the other was IGG positive but IGM negative indicating previous infection.

Dengue is endemic in the Philippines with seasonal increases of cases occurring during each rainy season. Recent news stories have reported 14,915 cases and 188 deaths due to dengue as of September this year with a “State of Calamity” being declared in 3 towns in Rizal province [ProMed Dengue/DHF Update 2006(32)]. Since dengue is spread by mosquitoes, travelers to the region should take steps to avoid being bitten by these insects.

The elimination of mosquito breeding sites around our homes by proper disposal of tin cans, coconut husks, old tires, etc., and by at least weekly cleaning of flower pot saucers or other water collection sites remains our best protection against the spread of dengue on Guam.

GUAM PERTUSSIS UPDATE

As of October 10, 2006, the number of confirmed pertussis cases remains at 7. One case previously classified as “suspect” has been elevated to “probable” giving a total 43 probable cases.