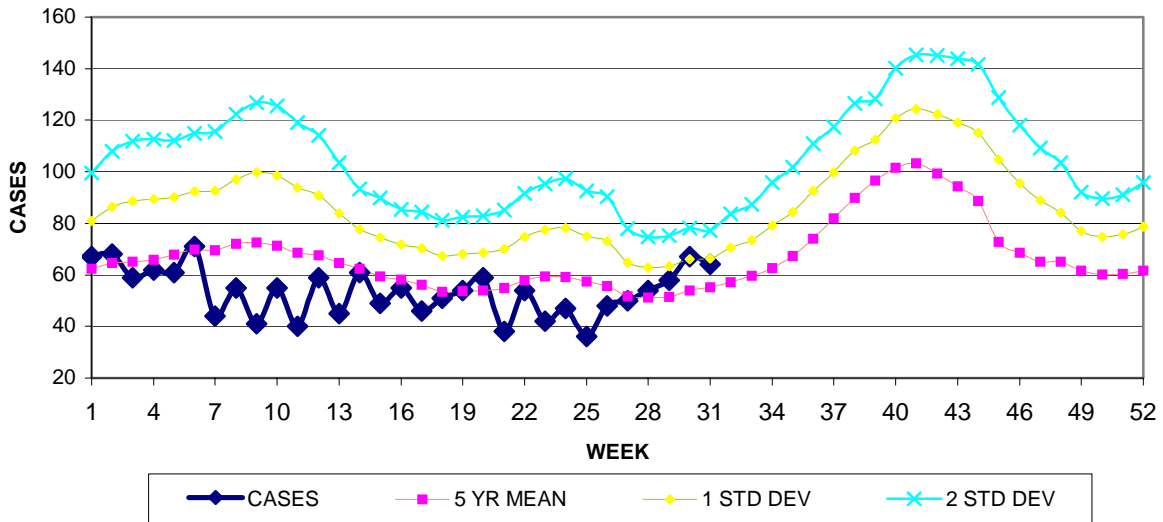


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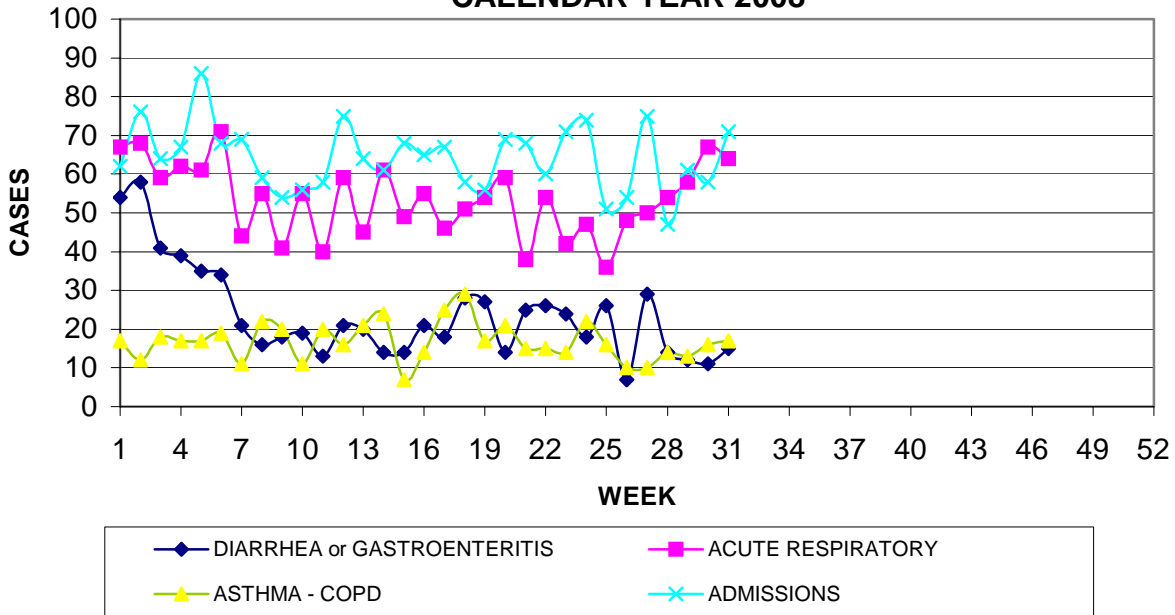
REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING: 8/2/2008 (Reporting week 2008-31)

GUAM REPORTS

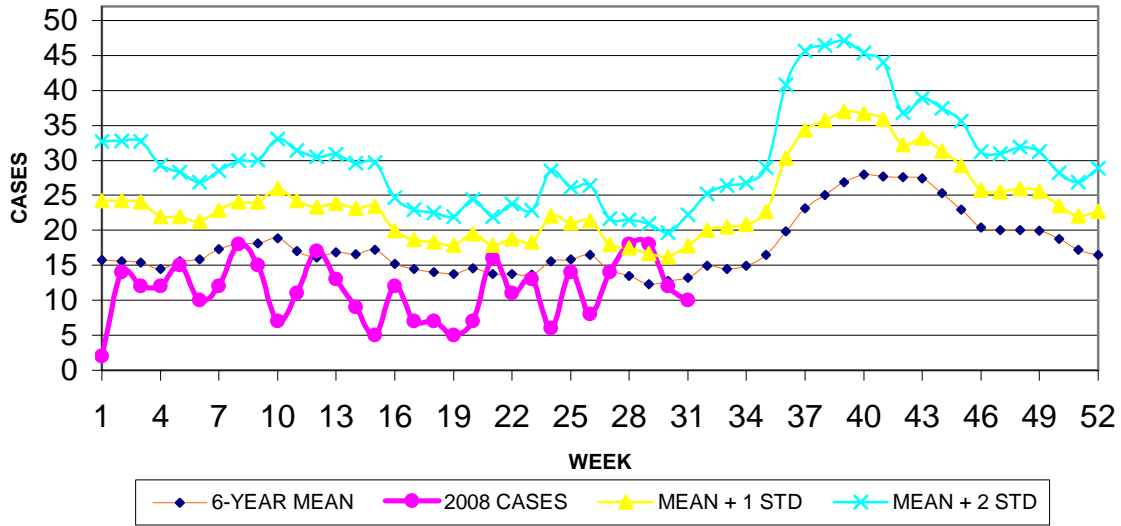
GUAM ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION SURVEILLANCE, 2008; NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN IN THE GMHA-ED BY WEEK SEEN



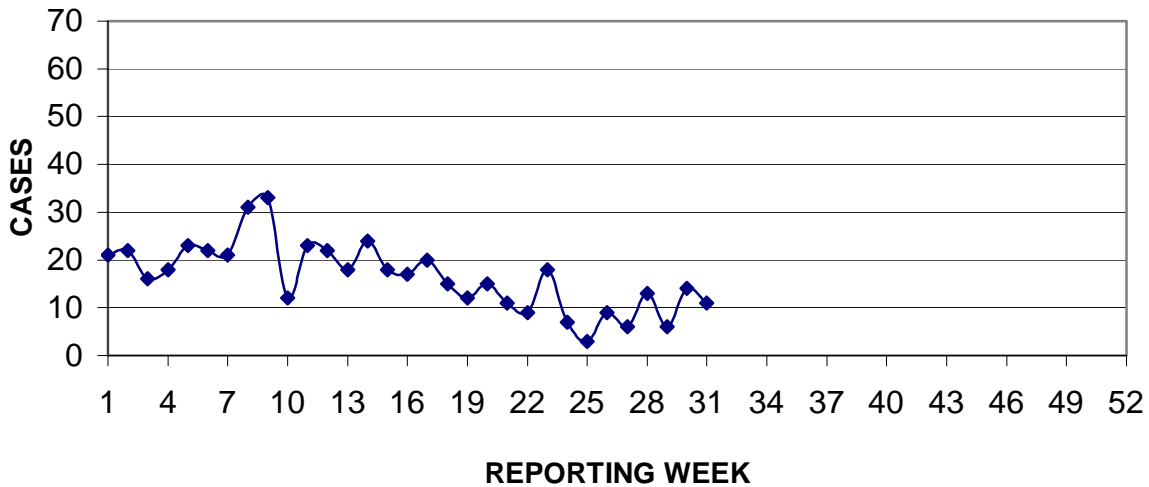
GUAM SYNDROMIC DISEASE SURVEILLANCE GMHA-ED PATIENT DIAGNOSES BY WEEK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008



MEDICAL RECORDS DEPARTMENT
 GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
**HOSPITAL INPATIENT DISCHARGES WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF
 PNEUMONIA BY WEEK DISCHARGED, 2008**



PREVENTIVE MEDICINE DEPARTMENT
 U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL GUAM
**PNEUMONIA CASES SEEN IN GUAM MILITARY TREATMENT
 FACILITIES BY WEEK REPORTED, 2008**



GUAM COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT

REPORTS ENTERED DURING MORBIDITY WEEK 31
(REPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES, INCLUDING MILITARY CLINICS -
SOME CASES MAY REPRESENT DELAYED REPORTS)

DISEASE	2008	2007
CHICKENPOX	1	13
CHLAMYDIA	7	1
<i>Clostridium difficile</i>	1	0
CONJUNCTIVITIS	17	37
DENGUE	1*	0
FOOD POISONING	1	1
GIARDIA	0	1
GONORRHEA	4	1
HERPES SIMPLEX 2	1	0
HPV	0	24
MRSA	5	17
SCABIES	0	1
STREP SORE THROAT	22	21
STREP DISEASE, INVASIVE	3	0
STREP DISEASE, OTHER	2	0
SYPHILIS, UNSPECIFIED STAGE	1	1

* U.S. military medivaced from the Philippines.

GUAM SENTINEL PHYSICIAN INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE

REPORTS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEK ENDING 8/2/2008

ISOLATED (2 CASES REPORTED)

GUAM ANIMAL DISEASE (ZONOSSES) REPORTS

REPORTS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEK ENDING 8/2/2008

NONE REPORTED

REGIONAL NEWS

An apparent outbreak of Hepatitis A has been ongoing in Chuuk since April of this year. Probably caused by heavy rains that resulted in overflow of raw sewage and incomplete municipal water treatment, cases peaked in June and have since declined. Current information as to the safety of drinking water on Chuuk is not available as this is written; visitors to Chuuk should take the precautions that are advisable when traveling in any rural areas of our region such as not drinking beverages (with or without ice) of unknown purity, not eating uncooked fish or shellfish, and not eating uncooked fruits or vegetables that are not peeled or prepared by the traveler personally. A vaccination for hepatitis A is available and would be appropriate for persons planning on an extended stay in Chuuk and who have not been previously vaccinated. *Sources:* Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network *and* CDC Health Information for International Travel 2008.

American Samoa reports 4 cases of rapid test-confirmed dengue fever as of July 30. To date there have been no cases of the most serious form of the disease, dengue hemorrhagic fever. Two of the recent cases were local residents while 2 were delegates to the **10th Pacific Arts Festival**. Festival participants, including a delegation from Guam, were made aware of the possibility of becoming ill upon their return home. *Source:* Sharmain Edwards, RN, Territorial Epidemiologist, ASG Dept of Health, via: Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network