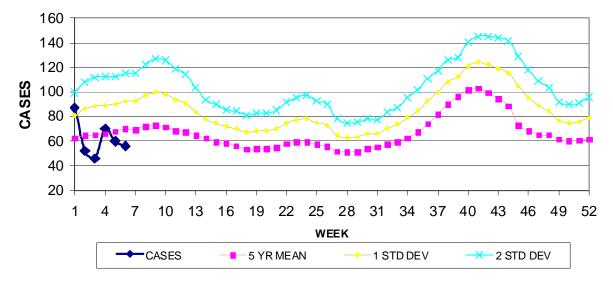
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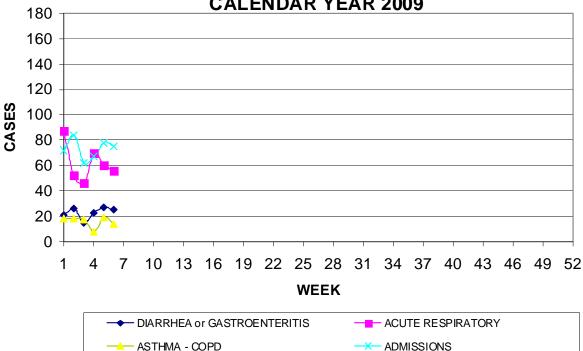
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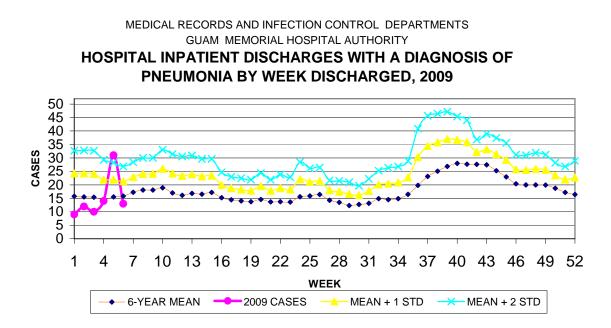
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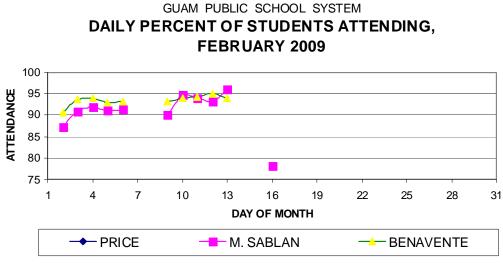
GUAM ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION SURVEILLANCE, 2009; NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN IN THE GMHA-ED BY WEEK SEEN



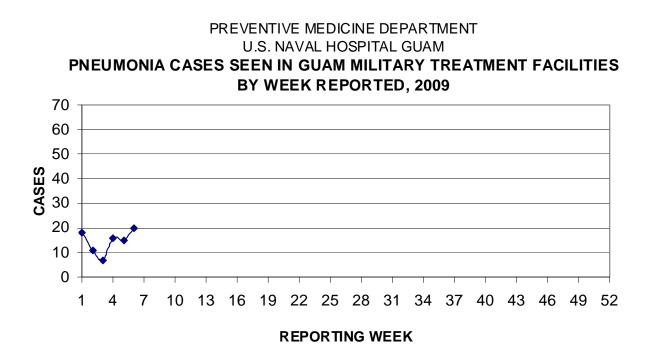
GUAM SYNDROMIC DISEASE SURVEILLANCE GMHA-ED PATIENT DIAGNOSES BY WEEK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009







Data from GPSS compiled by Marie Luarca, CPHO Office, Guam DPH&SS



REGIONAL NEWS

According to the February 2009 issue of the Hawaii Epi Bulletin (Hawaii State Department of Health), three cases of *Salmonella* Typhimurium infection among Hawaii residents have been linked to the ongoing multistate outbreak in the U.S. associated with peanut butter and peanut-containing products.

S. Typhimurium isolates in each of these cases matched the Pulse Field Gel Electrophoresis patterns seen in the national outbreak. They occurred in unrelated Oahu residents ages 5, 10, and 16 years of age. The onsets of diarrheal illness for these cases were in early November, late December, and early January; none required hospitalization and all were treated on an outpatient basis. Each patient reported consuming peanut products but no samples available for testing by the health department laboratory demonstrated bacterial contamination.

No cases of *S*. Typhimurium infection have been reported on Guam in recent months, possibly because the health department laboratory is no longer able to provide *Salmonella* serotyping service to island laboratories and physicians.

A complete list of recalled peanut-containing products and additional information for consumers is available from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration at: <u>http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm</u>. To date the DPH&SS Division of Environmental Health has identified and removed at least 23 different products from the shelves of local stores in connection with this recall.

GUAM ANIMAL DISEASE (ZOONOSES) REPORTS REPORTS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2/14/2009 NONE REPORTED

GUAM SENTINEL PHYSICIAN INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE REPORTS OF INFLUENZA OR INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESSES RECEIVED FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2/14/2009 SPORADIC – 4 cases reported