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Key messages

Data to: 05 July 2015

There was an increase in GP consultations for heat/sunstroke during week 27 (figure 23), peaking at 36 consultations on Wednesday 1st July to participating practices, in line with the high temperatures. Allergic rhinitis consultations remain elevated, particularly in the 5-14 year old age group.

A Heat-Health Watch system operates in England from 1 June to 15 September each year. As part of the Heatwave Plan for England, the PHE Real-time Syndromic Surveillance team will be routinely monitoring the public health impact of hot weather using syndromic surveillance system during this period.

Heat-health watch level (current reporting week): level 1-3 [Summer preparedness/Heat wave action](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/heathealth/)
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Diagnostic indicators at a glance:

Indicator	Trend	Level
Upper respiratory tract infection	decreasing	below baseline levels
Influenza-like illness	no trend	similar to baseline levels
Pharyngitis	decreasing	similar to baseline levels
Scarlet fever	no trend	above baseline levels
Lower respiratory tract infection	decreasing	below baseline levels
Pneumonia	decreasing	similar to baseline levels
Gastroenteritis	no trend	similar to baseline levels
Vomiting	no trend	above baseline levels
Diarrhoea	decreasing	above baseline levels
Severe asthma	no trend	similar to baseline levels
Wheeze	no trend	above baseline levels
Allergic rhinitis	increasing	
Conjunctivitis	no trend	similar to baseline levels
Mumps	no trend	below baseline levels
Measles	no trend	below baseline levels
Rubella	no trend	similar to baseline levels
Pertussis	no trend	above baseline levels
Chickenpox	decreasing	similar to baseline levels
Herpes zoster	no trend	similar to baseline levels
Cellulitis	increasing	above baseline levels
Impetigo	decreasing	below baseline levels
Heat/sunstroke	increasing	above baseline levels
Insect Bites	increasing	above baseline levels

GP practices and denominator population:

Year	Week	GP Practices Reporting**	Population size**
2015	27	4064	30.2 million

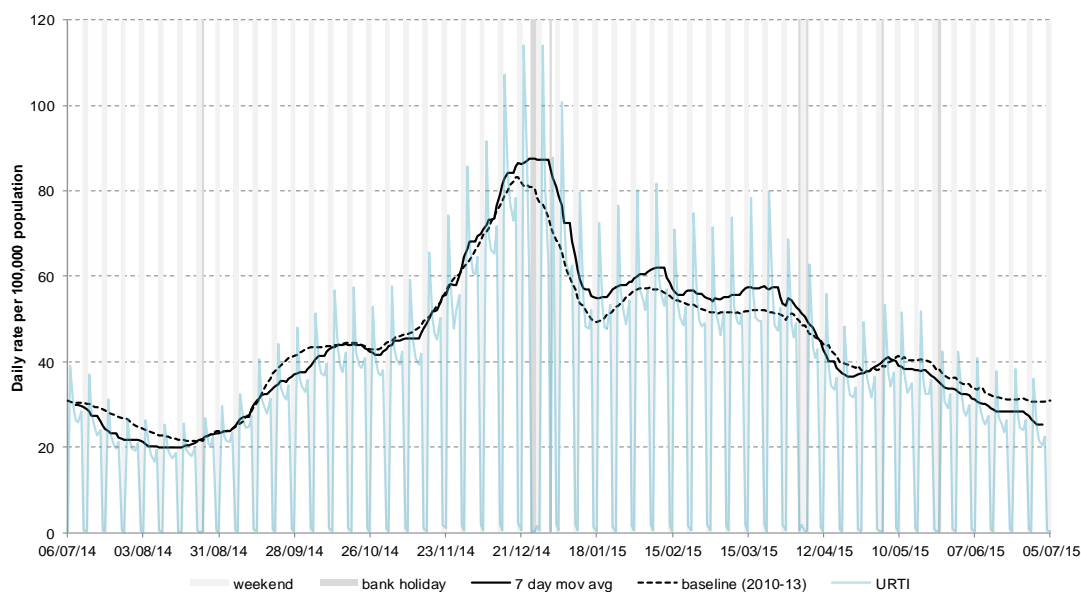
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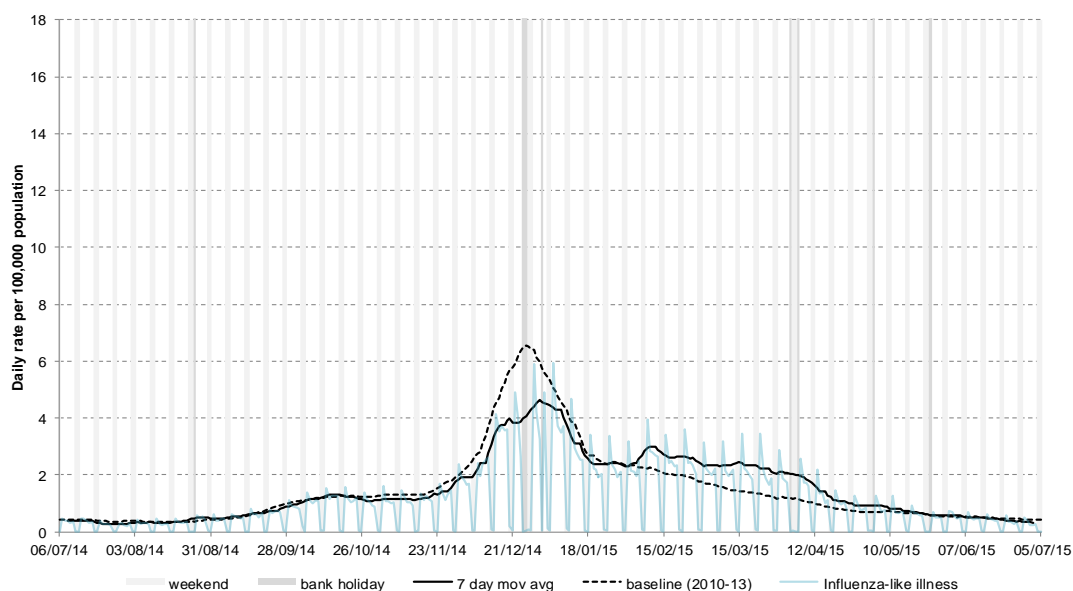
1: Upper respiratory tract infection (URTI)

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



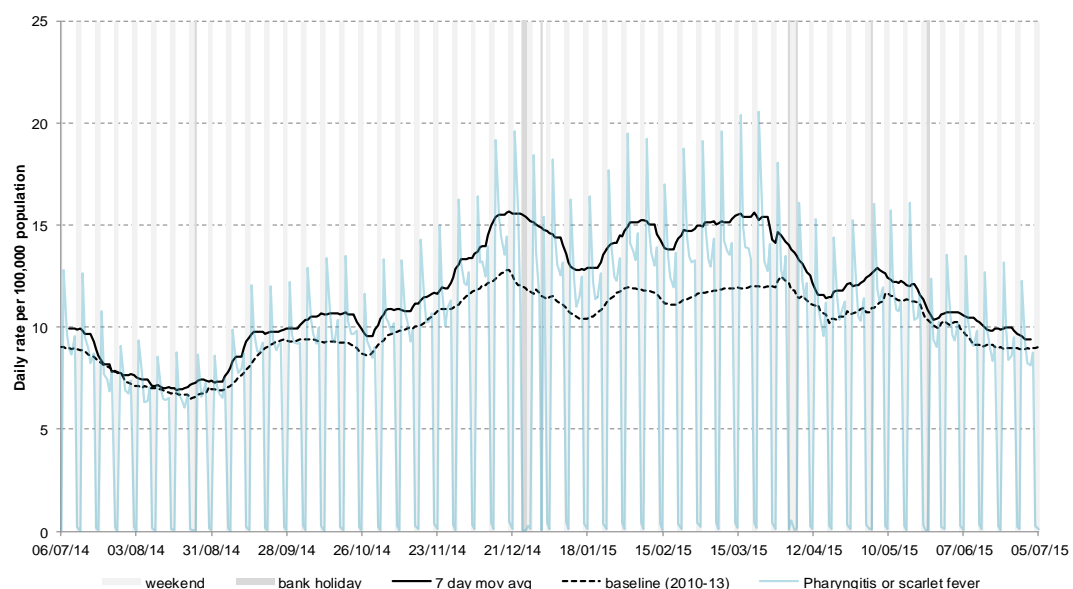
2: Influenza-like illness (ILI)

Daily incidence rates (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



3: Pharyngitis or scarlet fever

Daily incidence rates (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



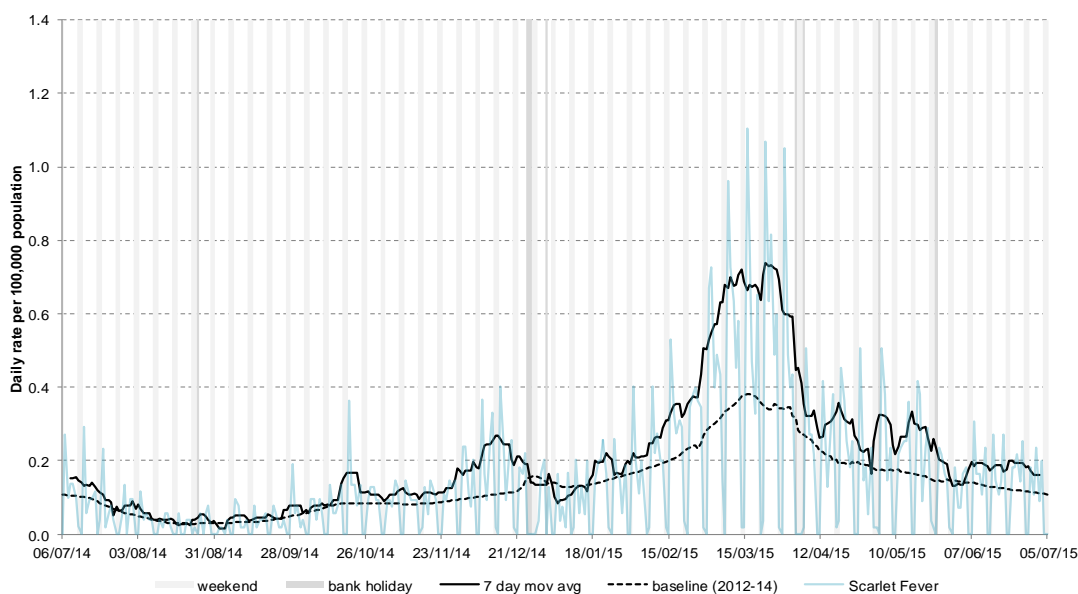
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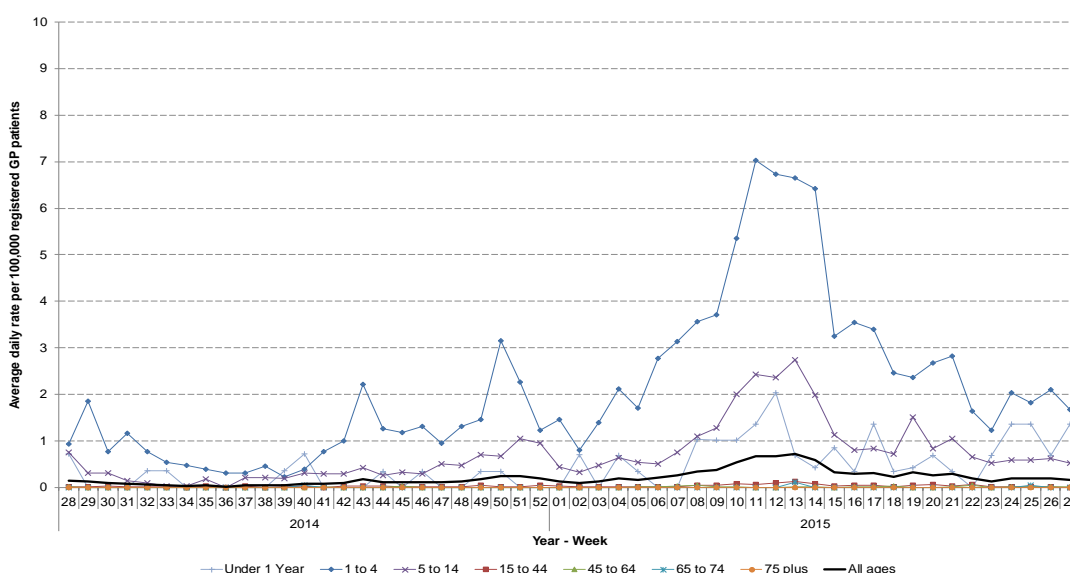
4: Scarlet fever

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, based on a population denominator of approximately 5.5 million patients).



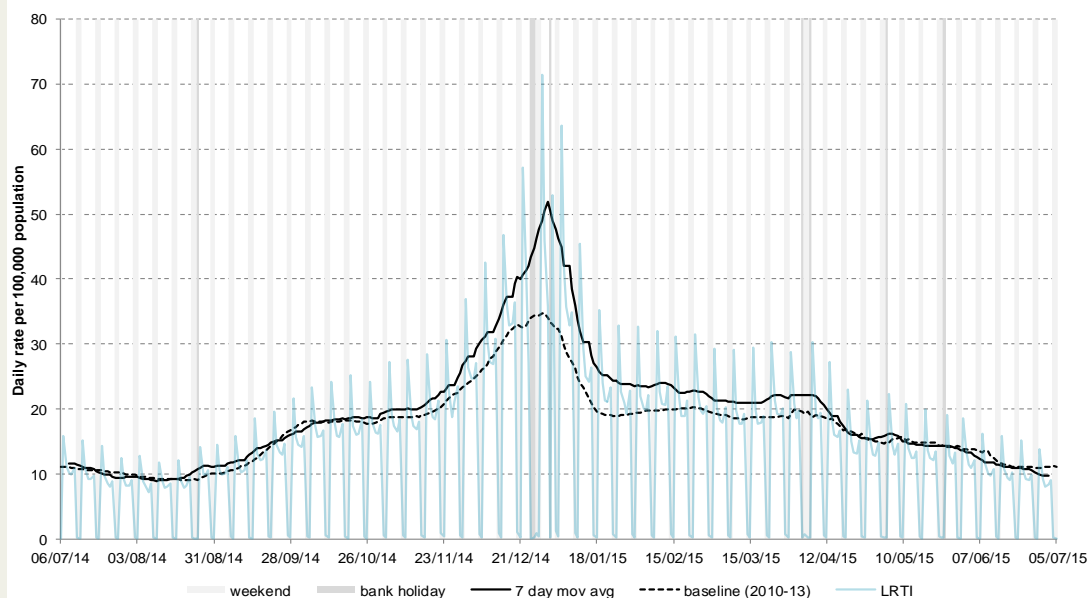
4a: Scarlet fever by age

Average daily incidence rate by week per 100,000 population (all England, based on a population denominator of approximately 5.5 million patients).



5: Lower respiratory tract infection (LRTI)

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



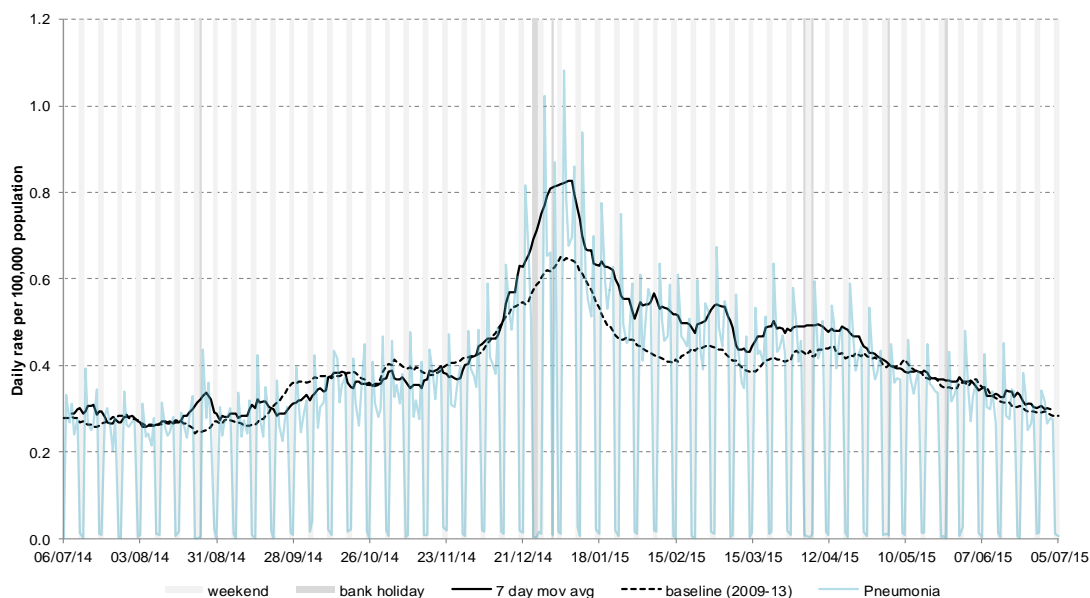
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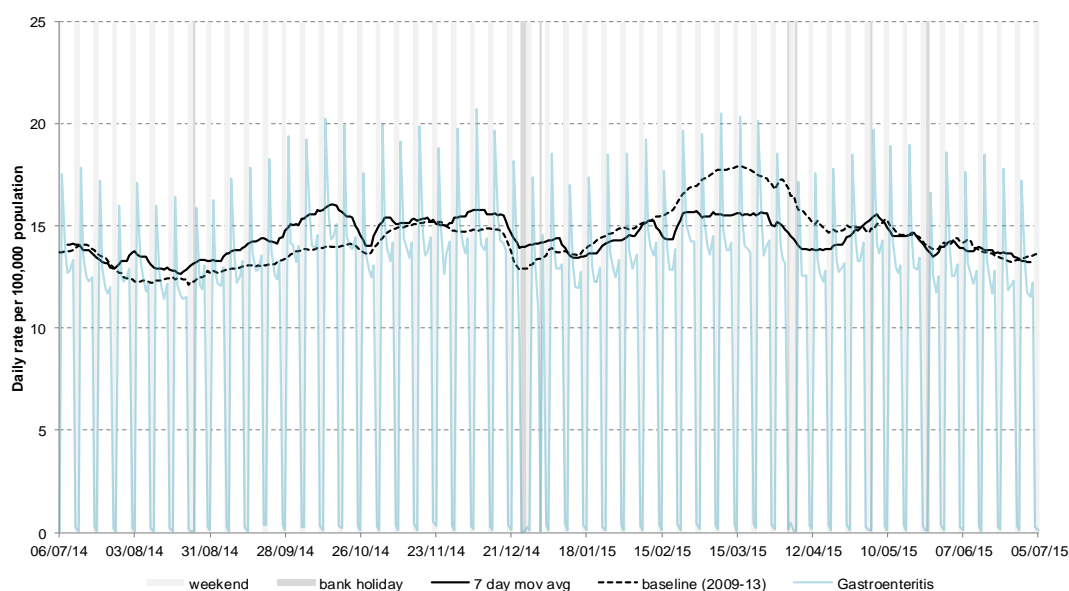
6: Pneumonia

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



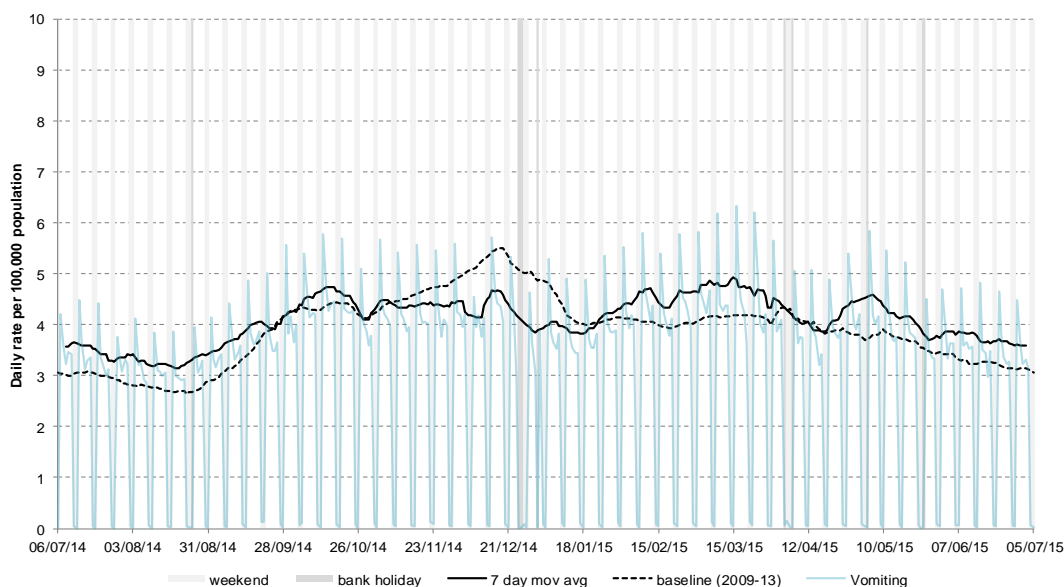
7: Gastroenteritis

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



8: Vomiting

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



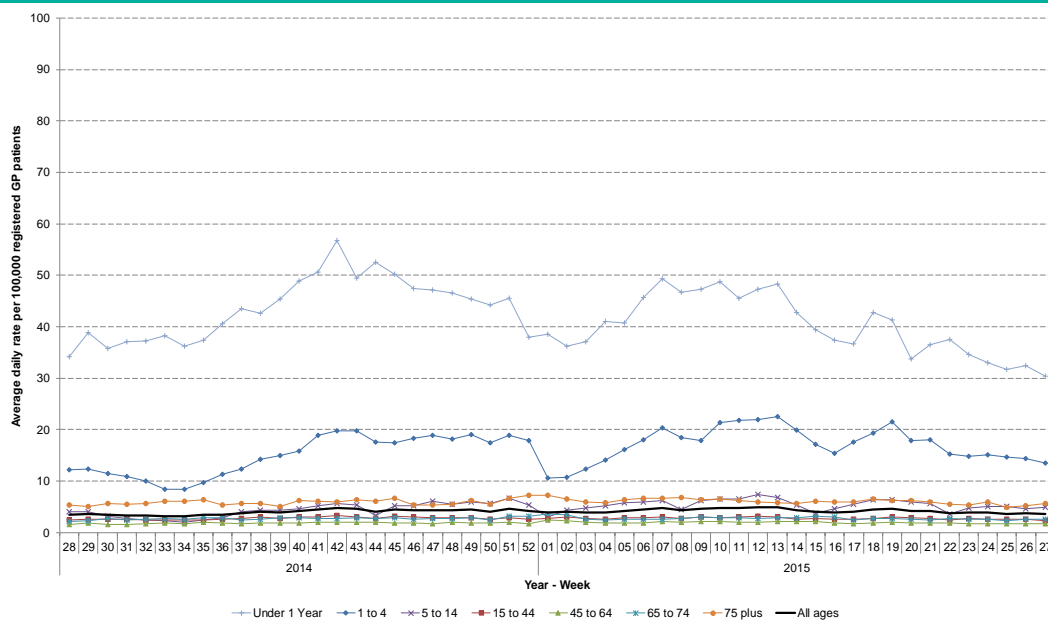
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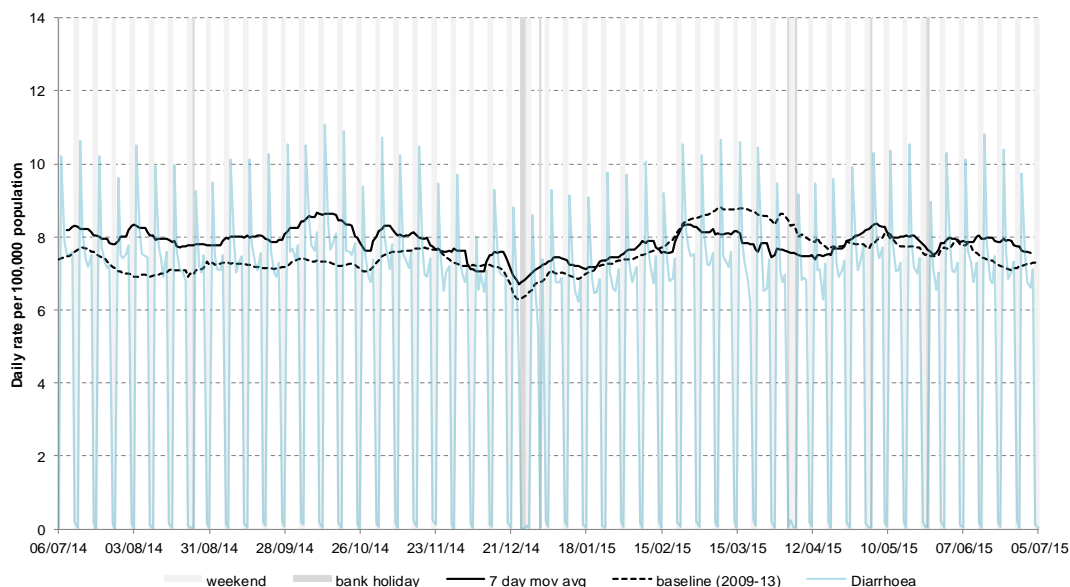
8a: Vomiting by age

Average daily incidence rate by week per 100,000 population (all England)



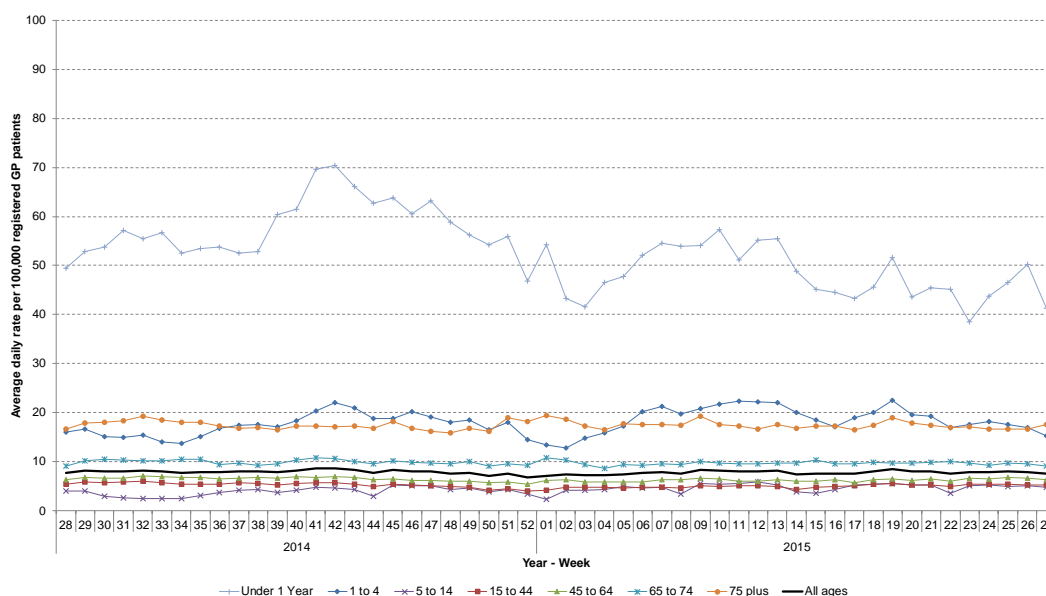
9: Diarrhoea

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



9a. Diarrhoea by age

Average daily incidence rate by week per 100,000 population (all England)



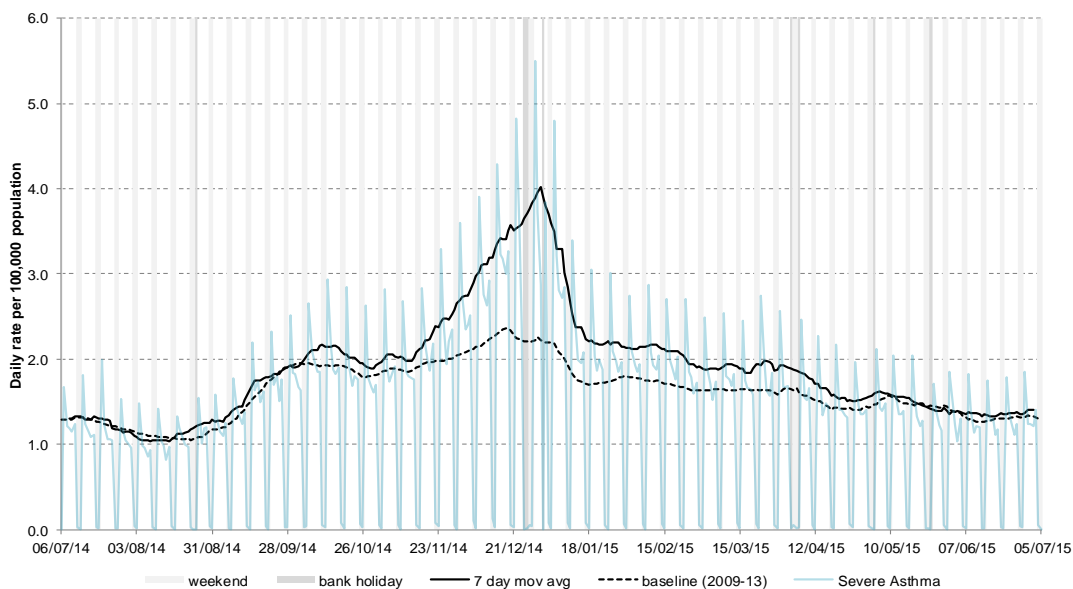
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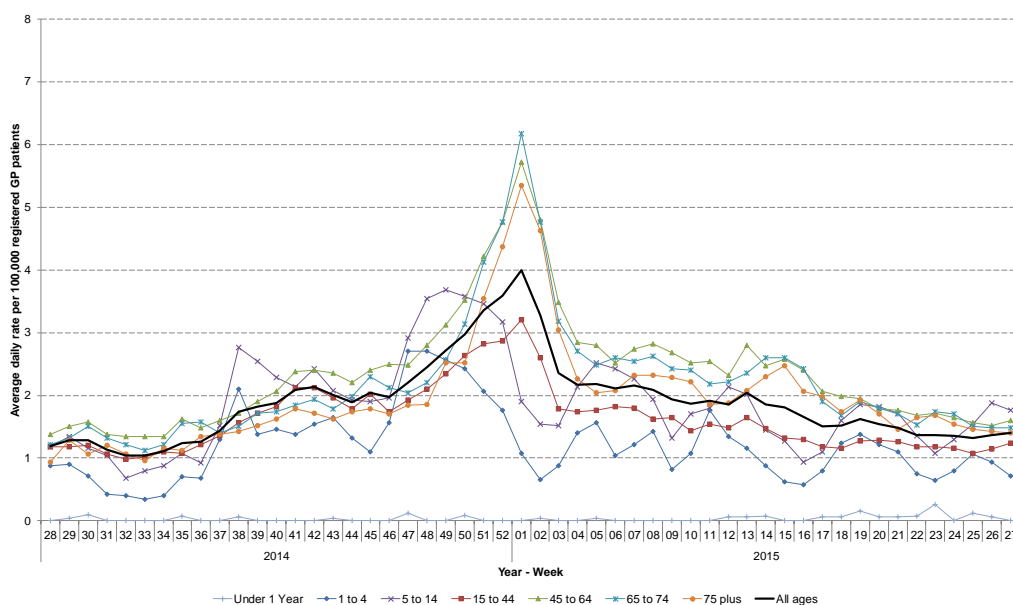
10: Severe asthma

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



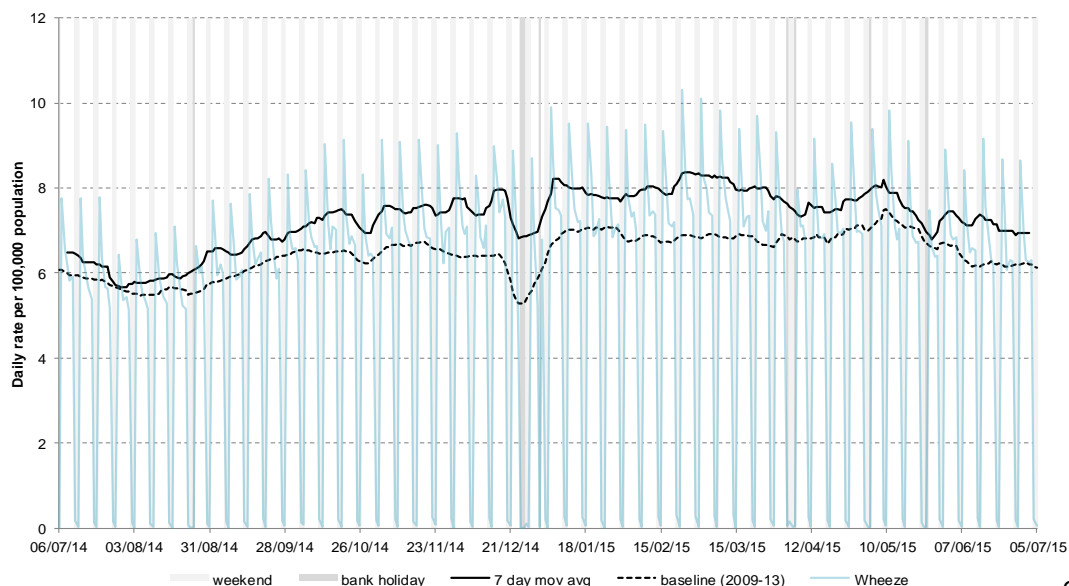
10a: Severe asthma by age

Average daily incidence rate by week per 100,000 population (all England)



11: Wheeze

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



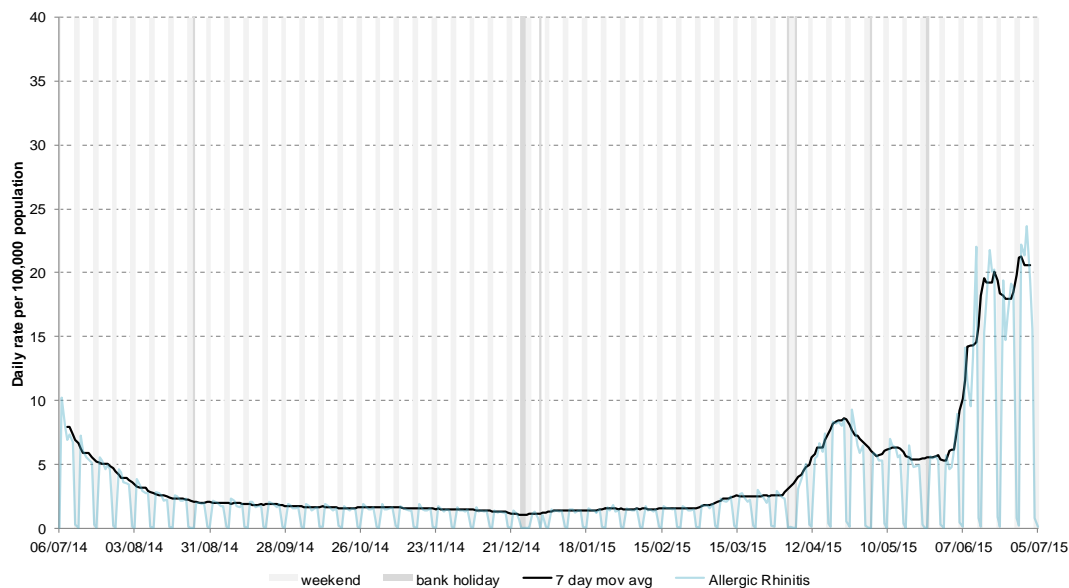
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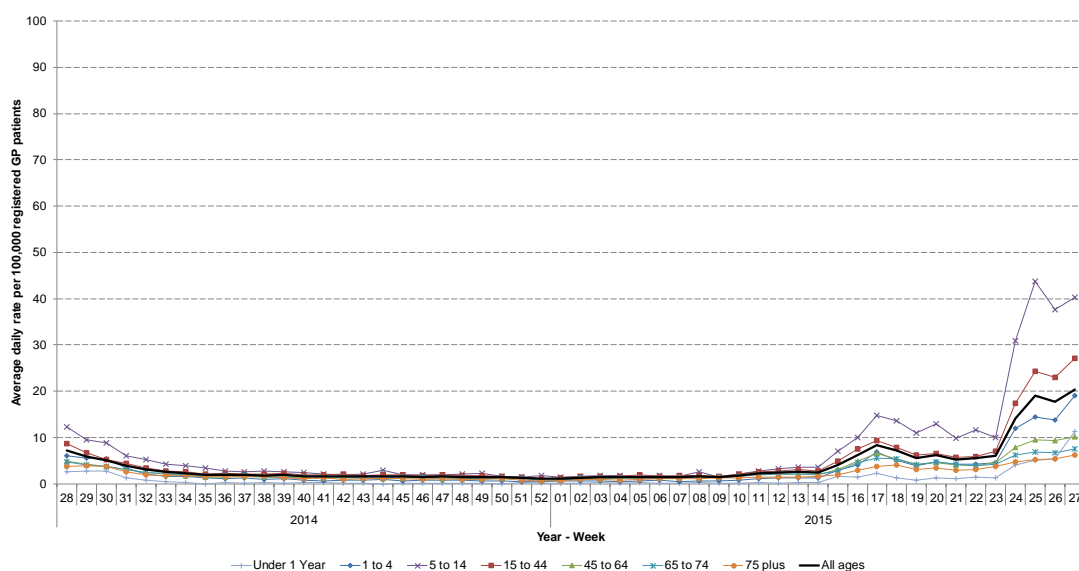
12: Allergic rhinitis

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



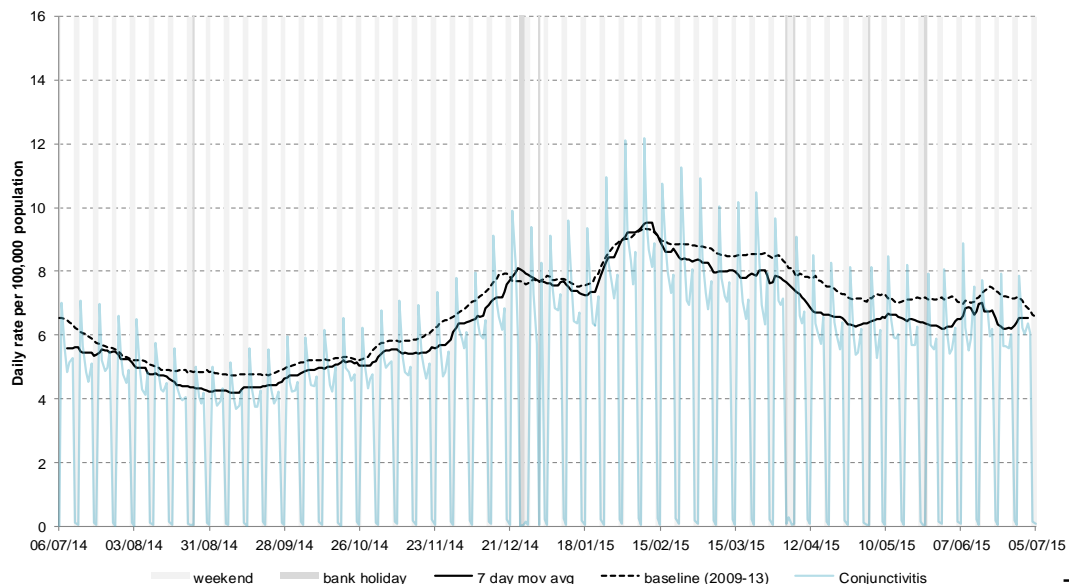
12a: Allergic rhinitis by age

Average daily incidence rate by week per 100,000 population (all England)



13: Conjunctivitis

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



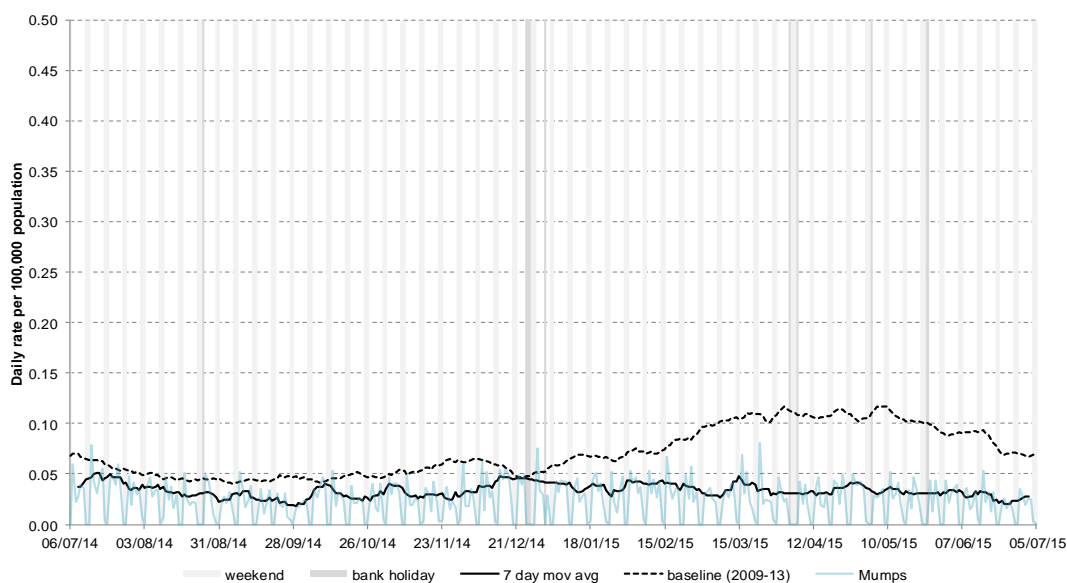
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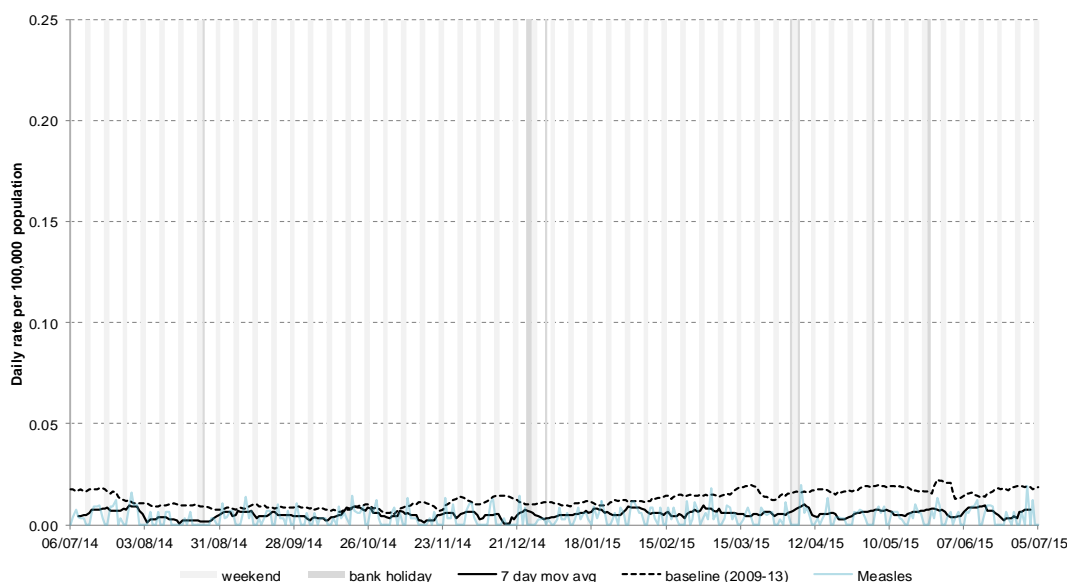
14: Mumps

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



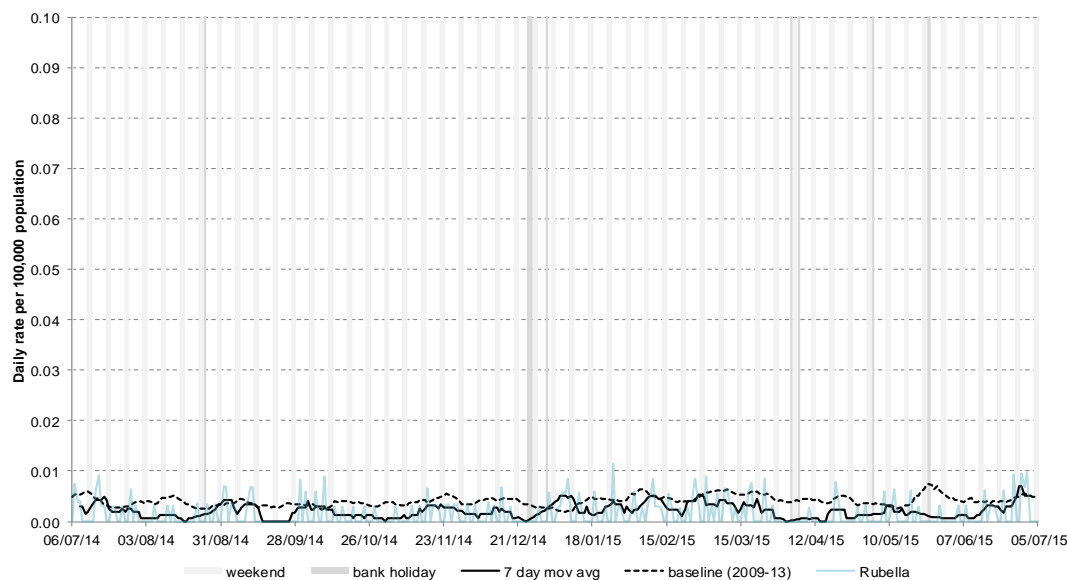
15: Measles

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



16: Rubella

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



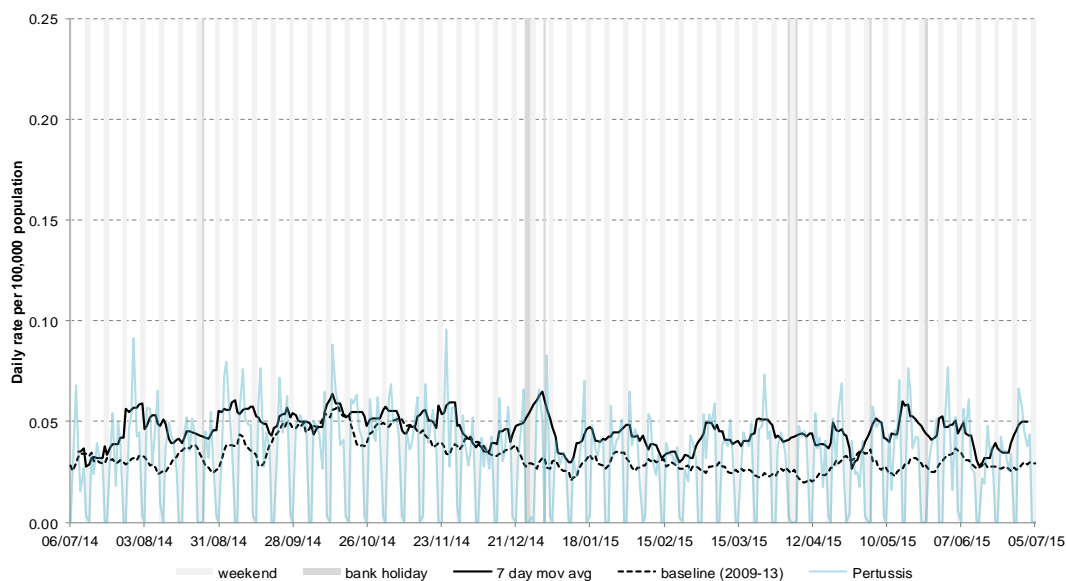
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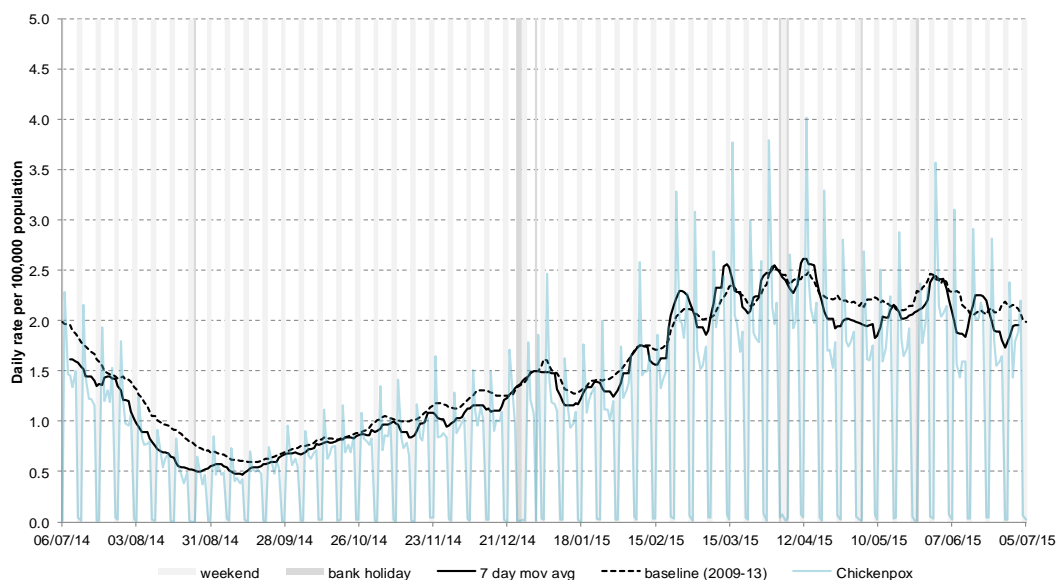
17: Pertussis

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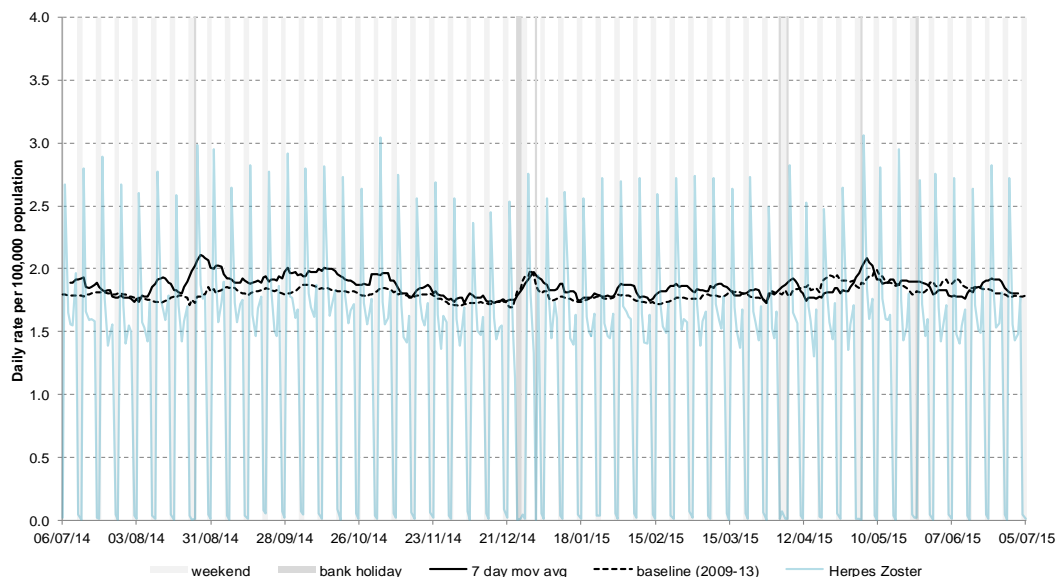
18: Chickenpox

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



19: Herpes zoster

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



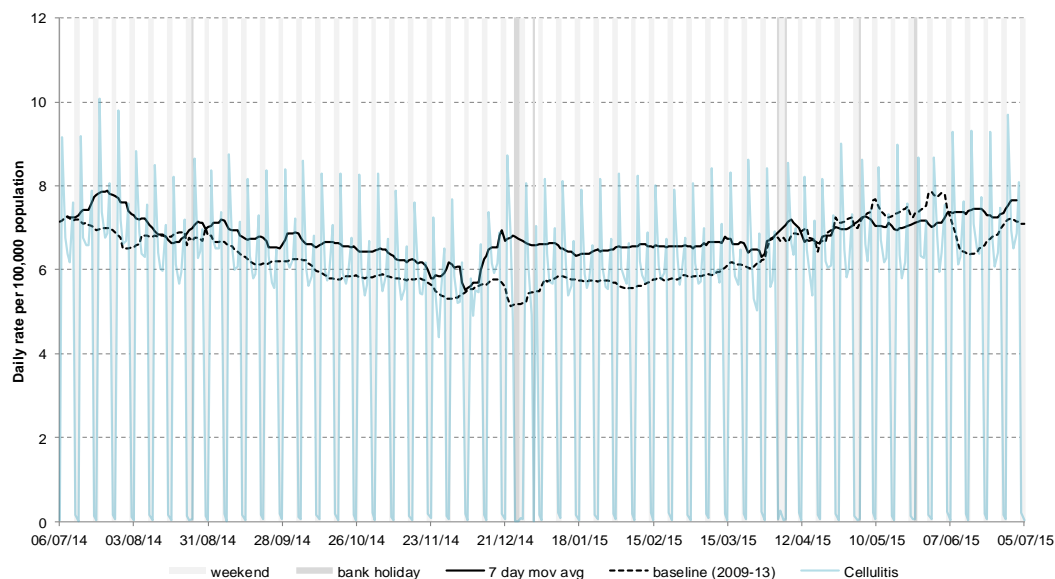
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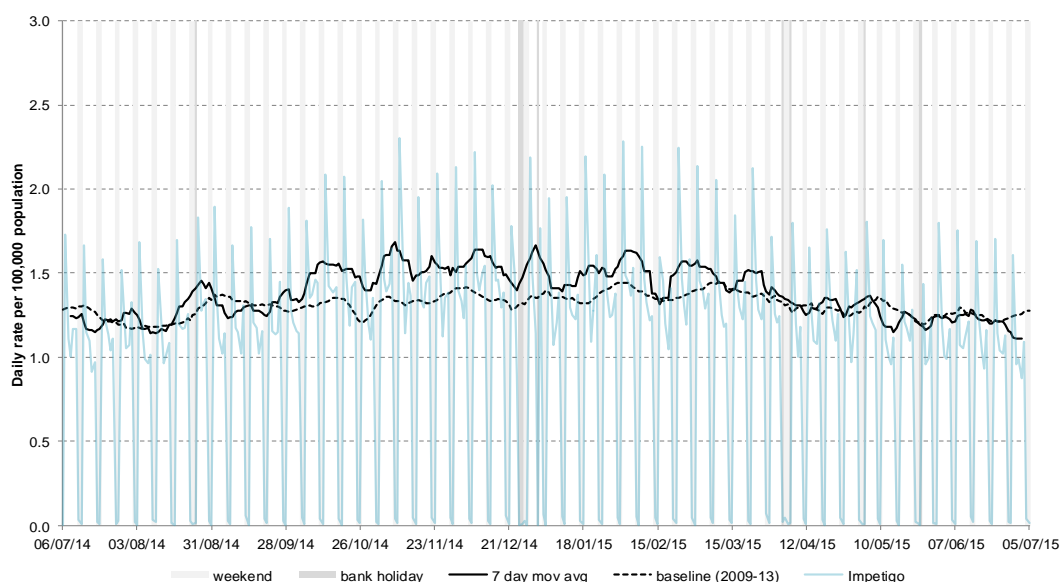
20: Cellulitis

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



21: Impetigo

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



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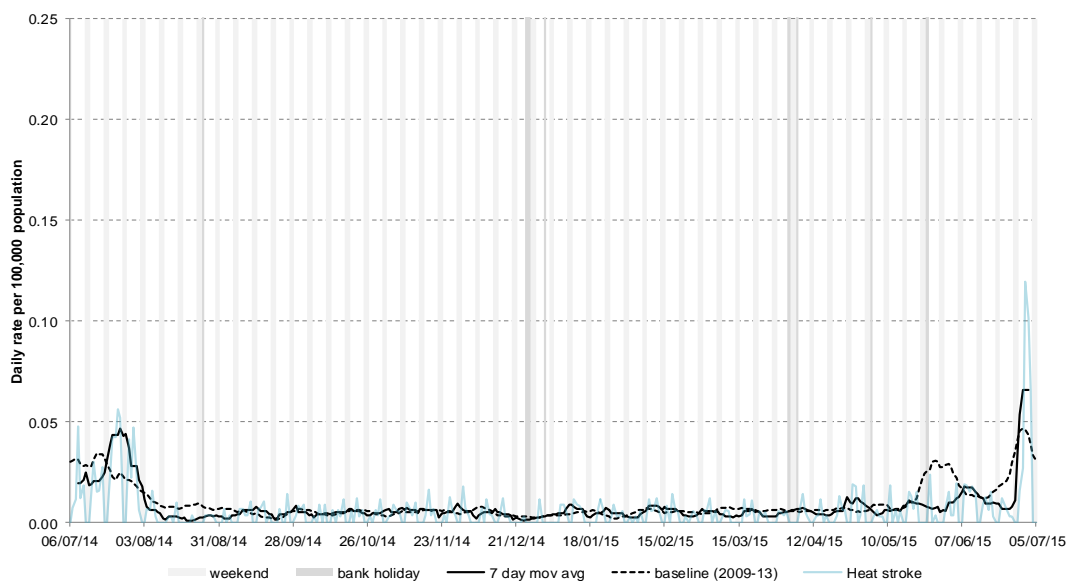
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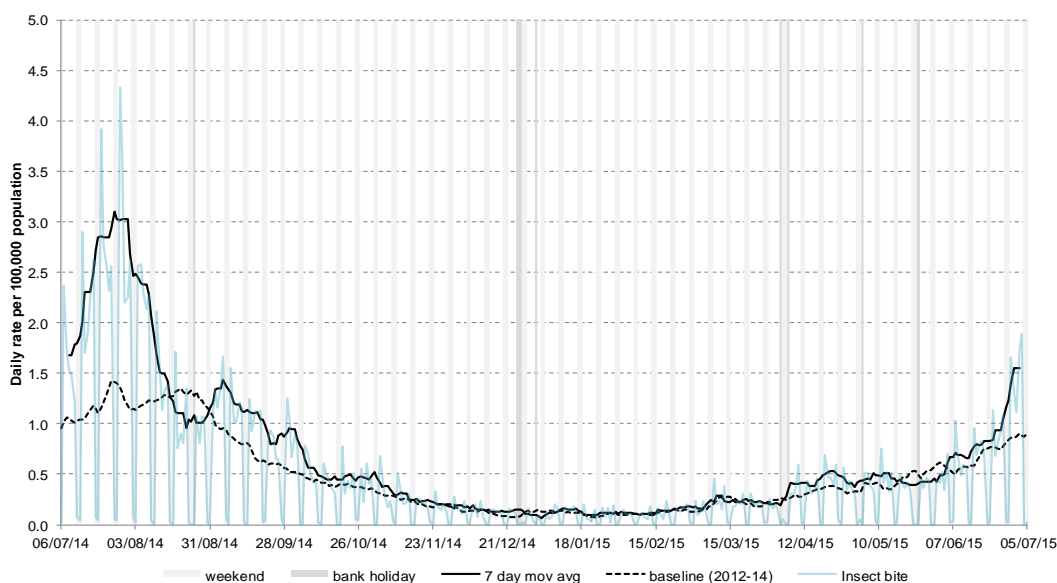
23: Heat/sunstroke

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



24: Insect Bites

Daily incidence rate (and 7-day moving average*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



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Notes and further information

- The Public Health England GP in hours surveillance system is a syndromic surveillance system monitoring community-based morbidity recorded by GP practices.
- GP consultation data are analysed on a daily basis to identify national and regional trends. A statistical algorithm underpins each system, routinely identifying activity that has increased significantly or is statistically significantly high for the time of year. Results from these daily analyses are assessed by the ReSST, along with analysis by age group, and anything deemed of public health importance is alerted by the team.
- This system captures anonymised GP morbidity data from two GP clinical software systems, EMIS, from version 1 of the QSurveillance® database, and TPP SystemOne.
- Historic baselines are smoothed to remove bank holiday effects. Data from 2009 has been excluded for selected indicators which were affected by the H1N1 influenza pandemic. No baseline is currently included for allergic rhinitis.
- The appendix illustrates weekly GP in hours consultation data for influenza-like illness (ILI). Each PHE Centre is represented by a thematic map showing its constituent local authorities (LA) coloured according to the weekly consultation rate of ILI per 100,000 population. LAs where less than 5 cases of ILI have been reported are suppressed and illustrated as no data.
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