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## Key messages

Data to: 21 June 2015

There have been further increases in allergic rhinitis consultations during week 25 (figure 12), notably in the 5-14 years age group (figure 12a). There have also been increases in insect bite consultations, in line with seasonal expectations (figure 24).

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 [Summer preparedness](#)

## 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 | similar to baseline levels |
| Pneumonia                         | no trend   | similar to baseline levels |
| Gastroenteritis                   | no trend   | similar to baseline levels |
| Vomiting                          | no trend   | above baseline levels      |
| Diarrhoea                         | no trend   | above baseline levels      |
| Severe asthma                     | no trend   | similar to baseline levels |
| Wheeze                            | no trend   | above baseline levels      |
| Allergic rhinitis                 | increasing |                            |
| Conjunctivitis                    | no trend   | below baseline levels      |
| Mumps                             | no trend   | below baseline levels      |
| Measles                           | no trend   | similar to baseline levels |
| Rubella                           | no trend   | similar to baseline levels |
| Pertussis                         | no trend   | similar to baseline levels |
| Chickenpox                        | no trend   | similar to baseline levels |
| Herpes zoster                     | no trend   | similar to baseline levels |
| Cellulitis                        | no trend   | above baseline levels      |
| Impetigo                          | no trend   | similar to baseline levels |
| Heat/sunstroke                    | no trend   | similar to baseline levels |
| Insect Bites                      | increasing | similar to baseline levels |

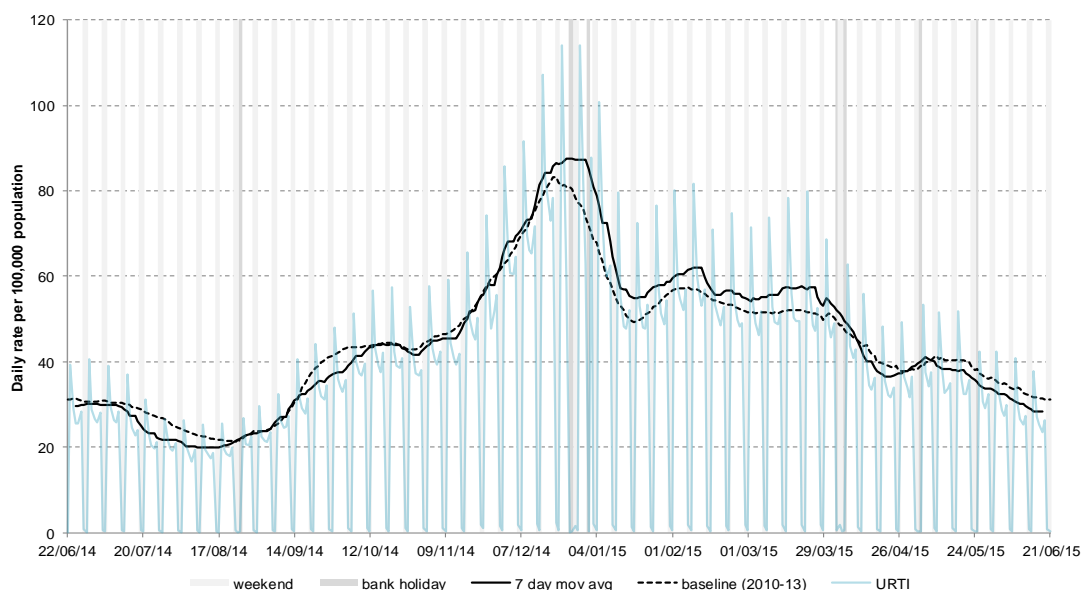
## GP practices and denominator population:

| Year | Week | GP Practices Reporting** | Population size** |
|------|------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 2015 | 25   | 4351                     | 32.4 million      |

\*\*based on the average number of practices and denominator population in the reporting working week.

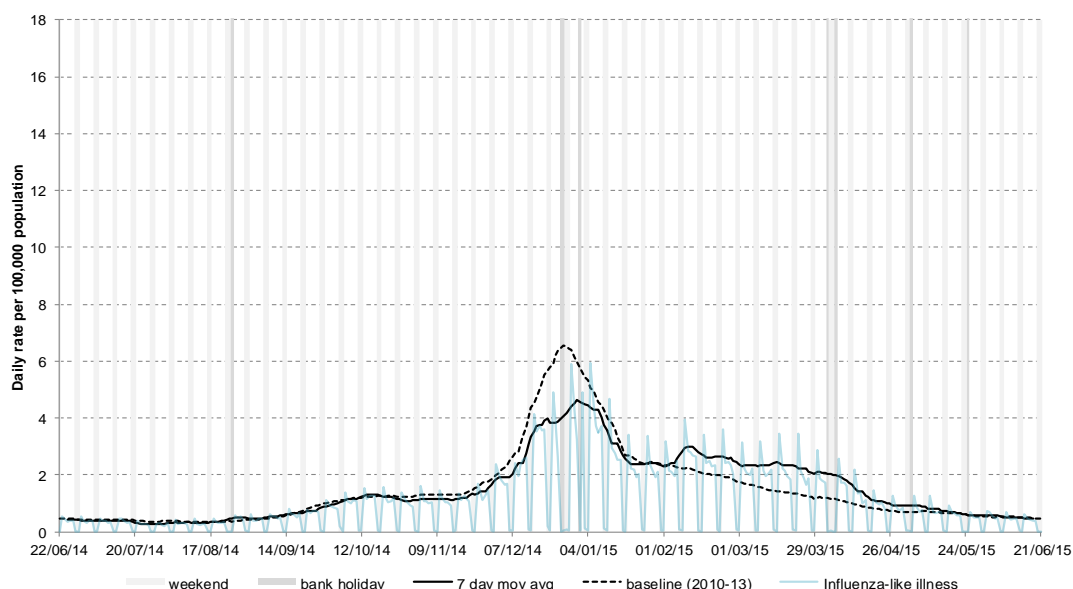
## 1: Upper respiratory tract infection (URTI)

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



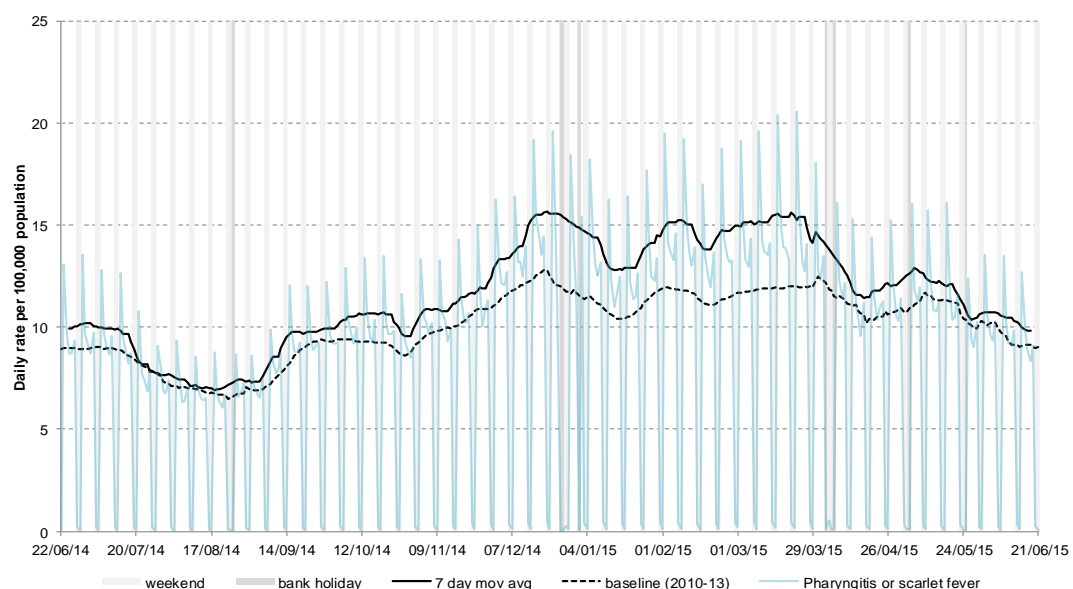
## 2: Influenza-like illness (ILI)

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



## 3: Pharyngitis or scarlet fever

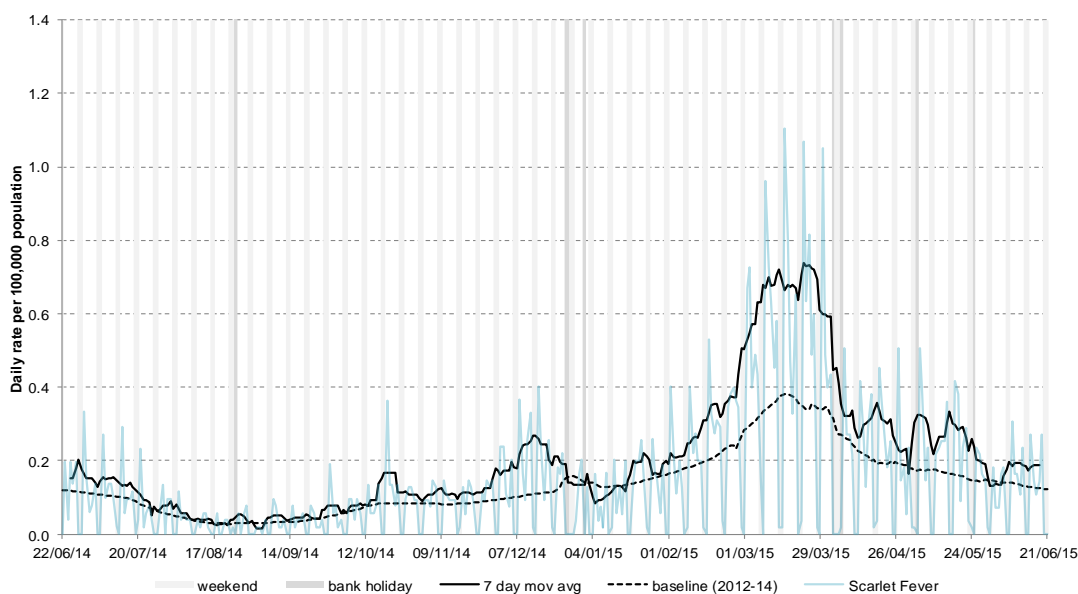
Daily incidence rates (and 7-day moving average\*) per 100,000 population (all England, all ages).



\* 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays.

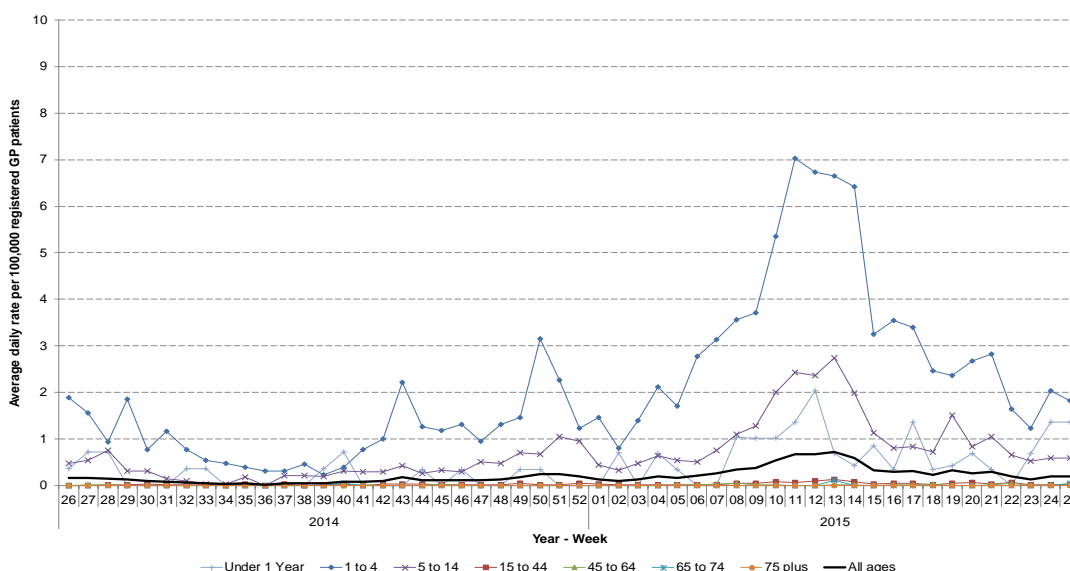
## 4: Scarlet fever

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).



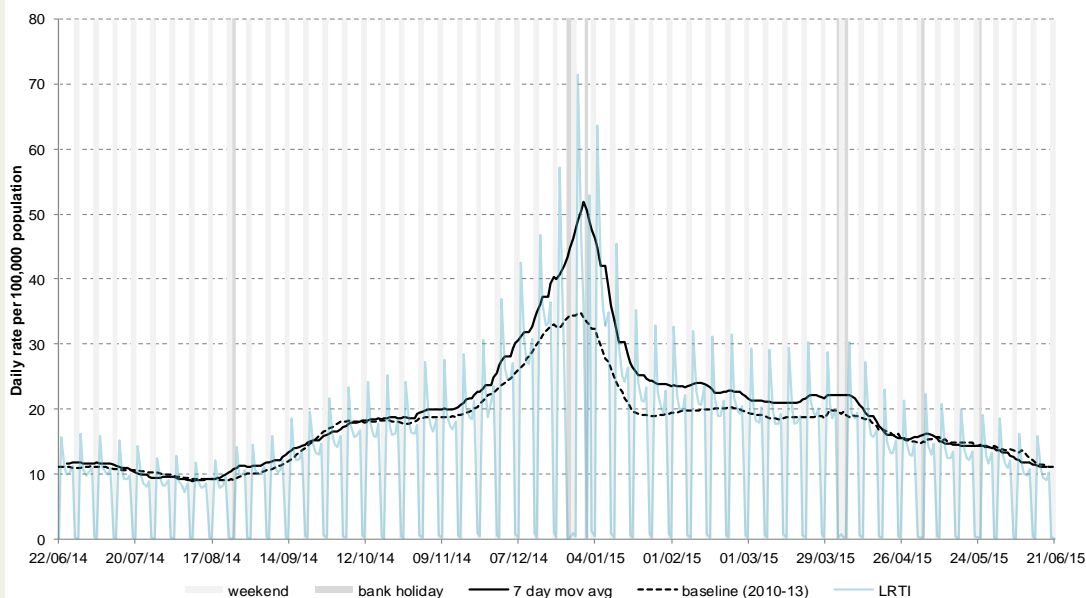
## 4a: Scarlet fever by age

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).



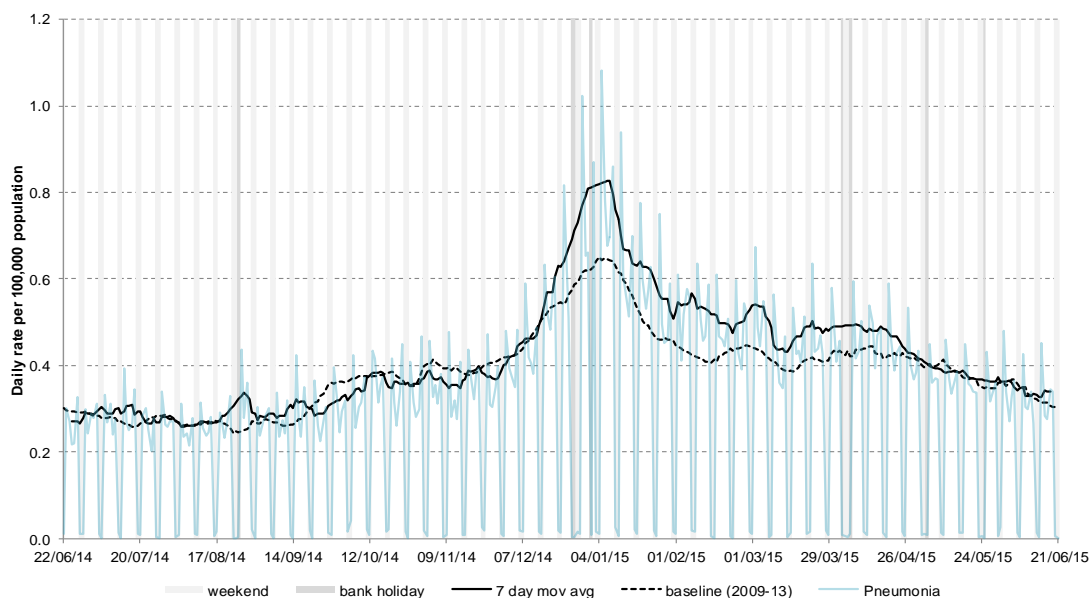
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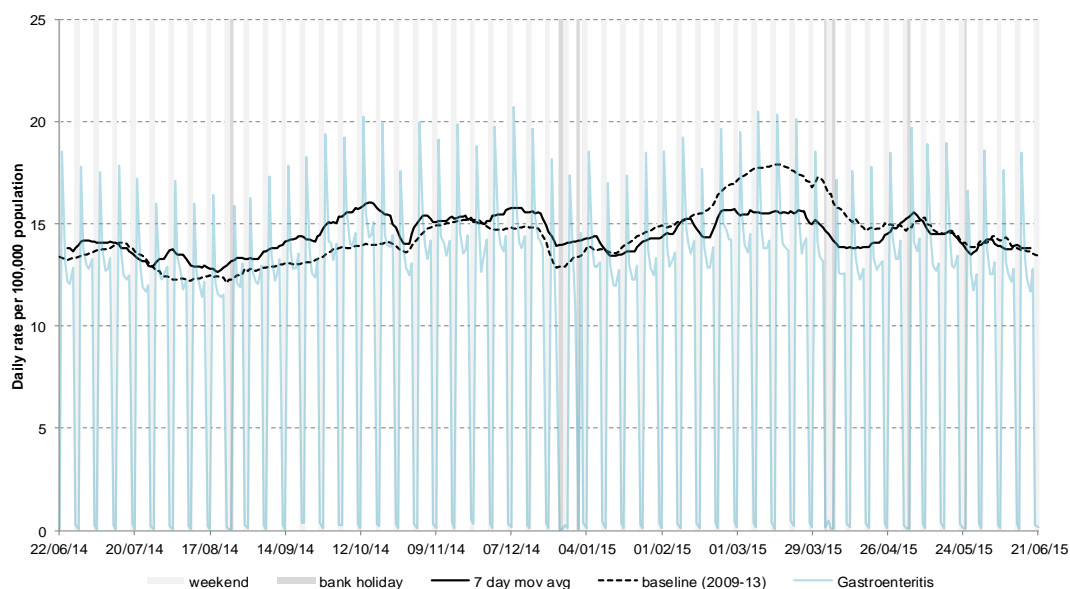
## 6: Pneumonia

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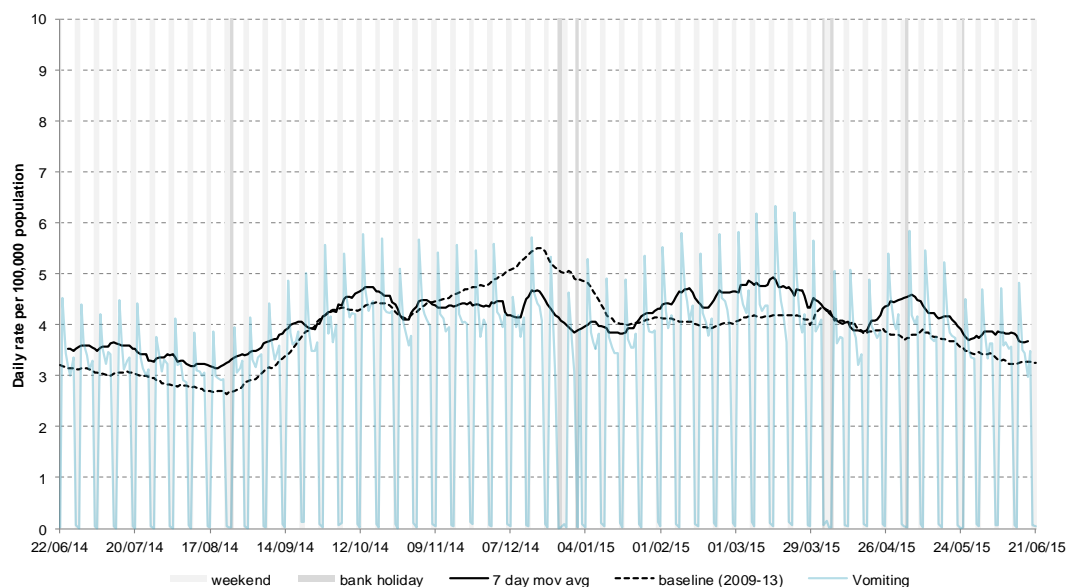
## 7: Gastroenteritis

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).



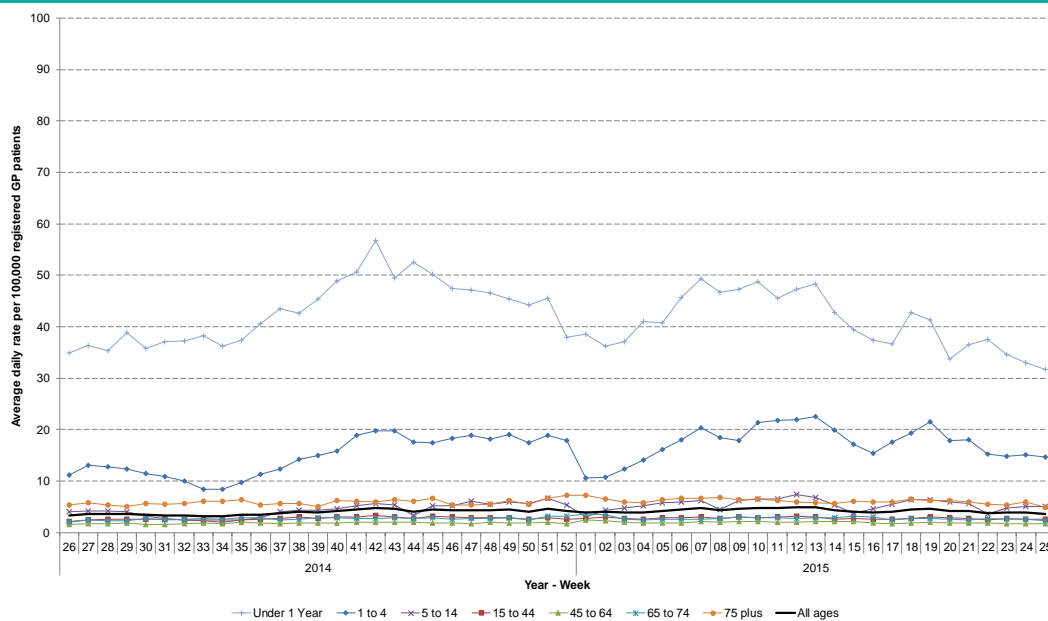
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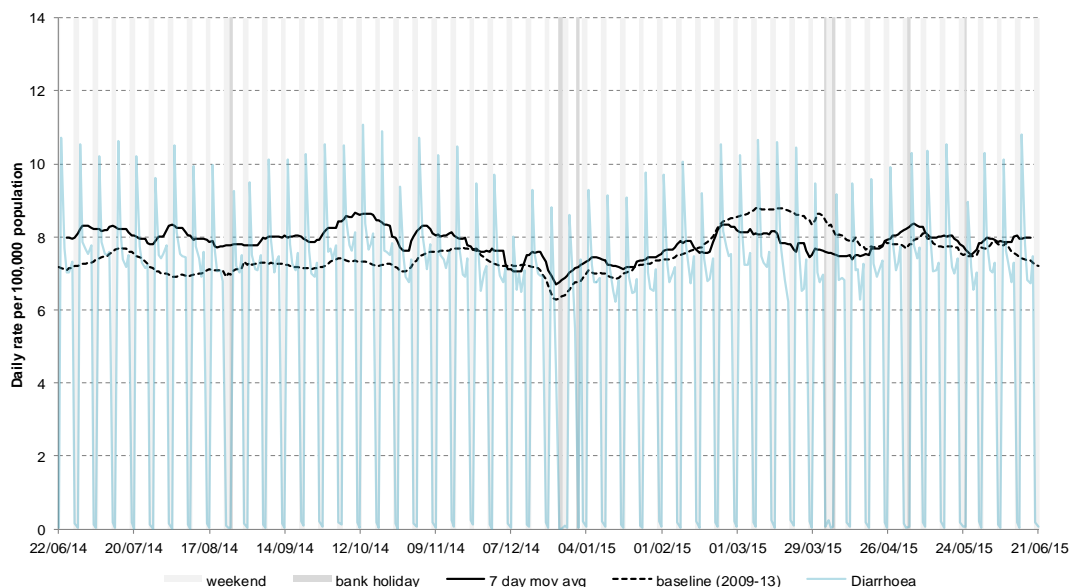
## 8a: Vomiting by age

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



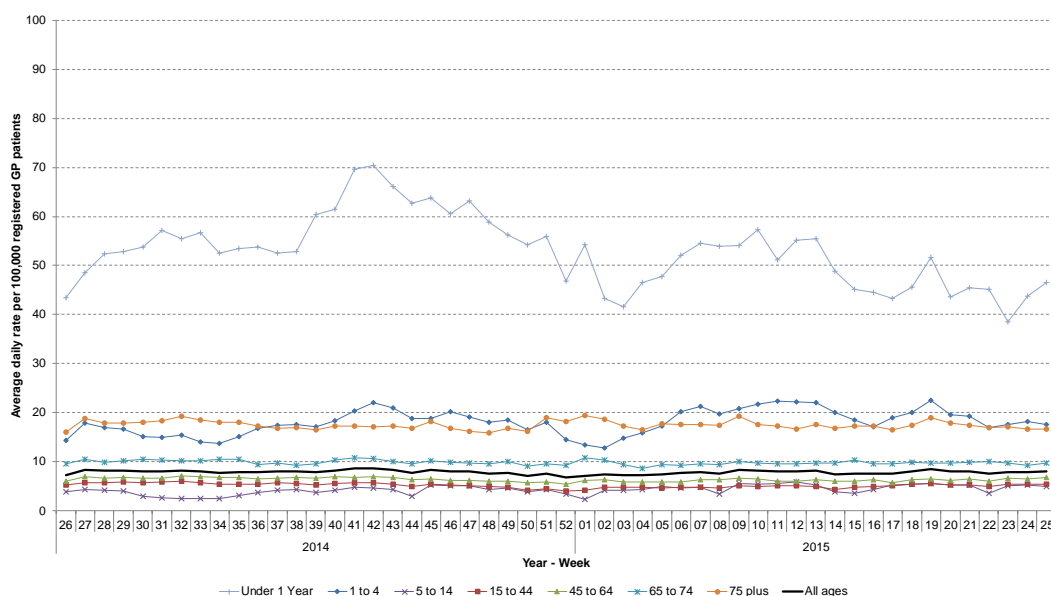
## 9: Diarrhoea

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



## 9a. Diarrhoea by age

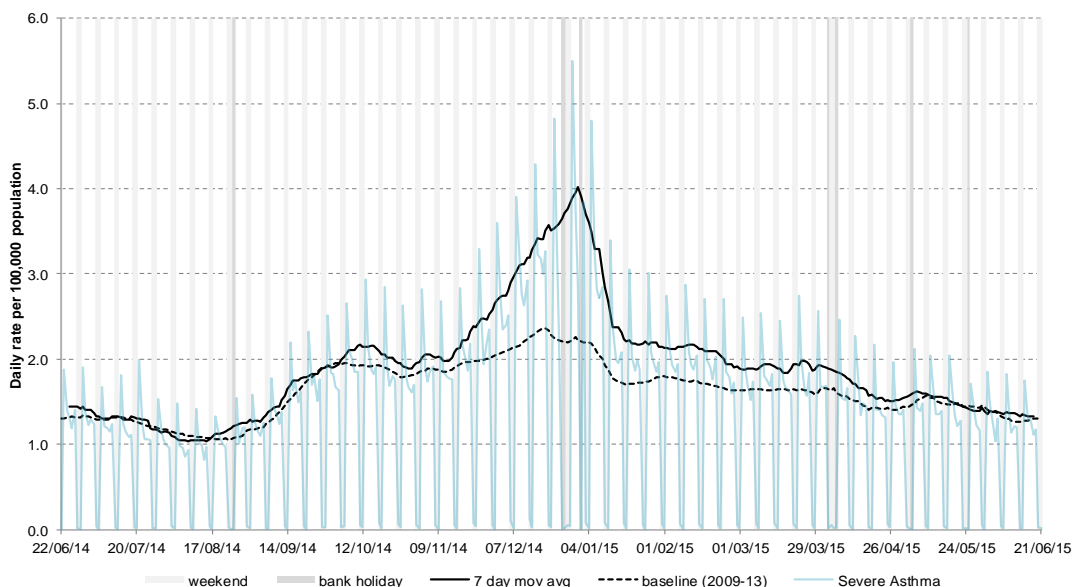
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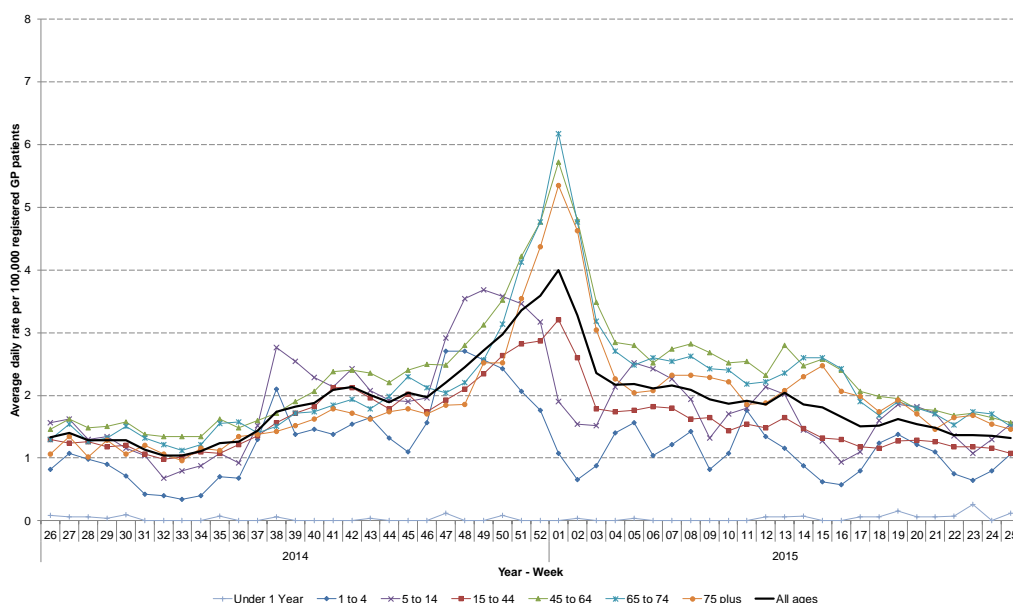
## 10: Severe asthma

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



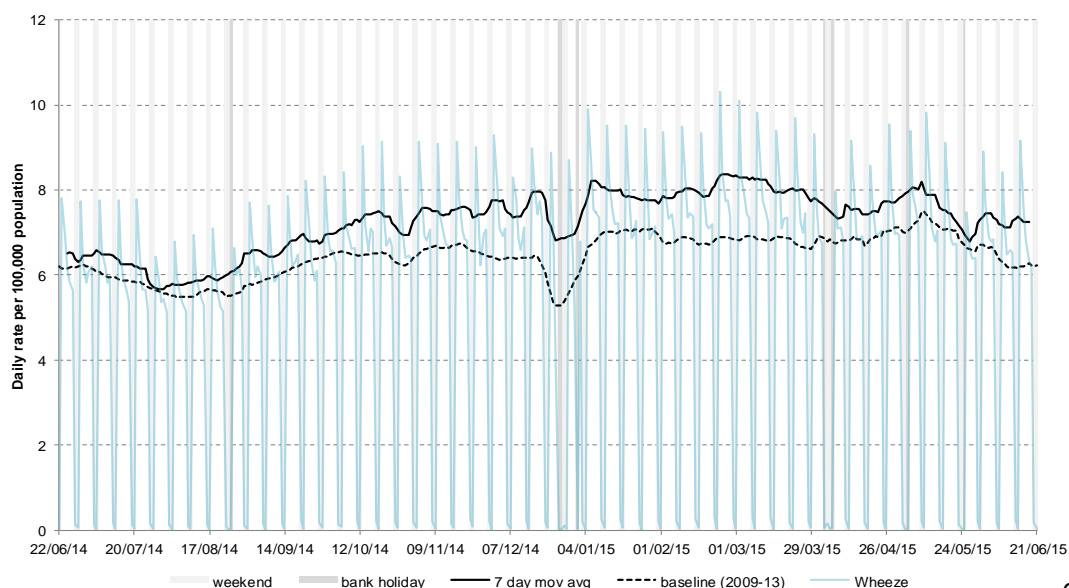
## 10a: Severe asthma by age

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



## 11: Wheeze

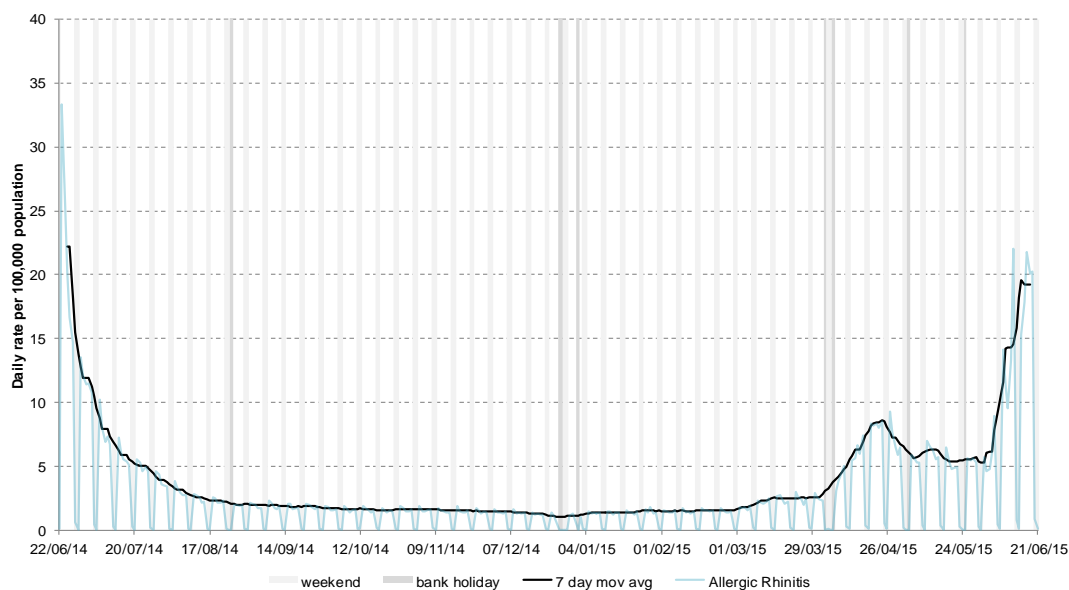
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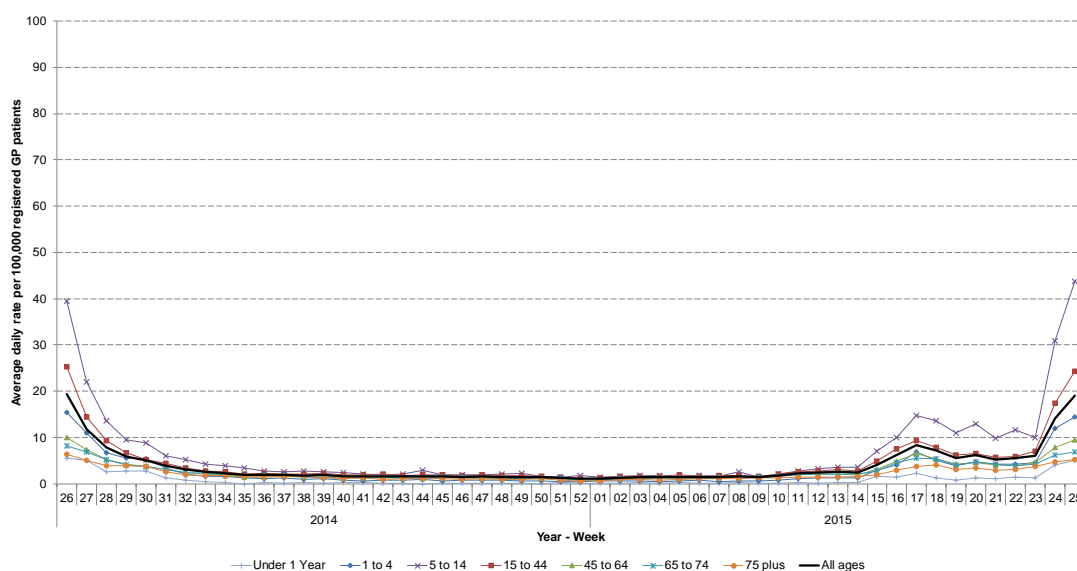
## 12: Allergic rhinitis

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



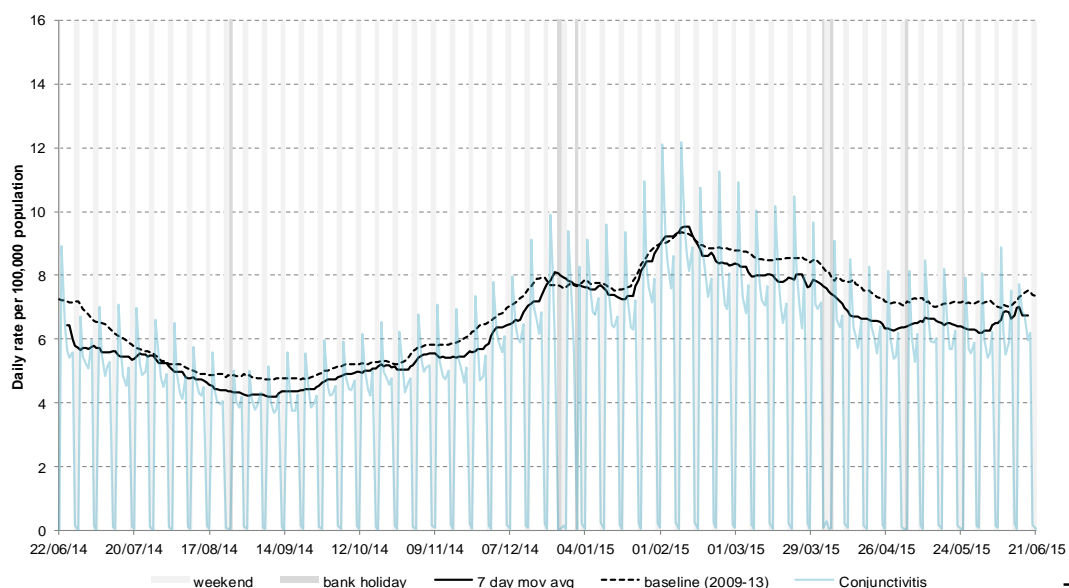
## 12a: Allergic rhinitis by age

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



## 13: Conjunctivitis

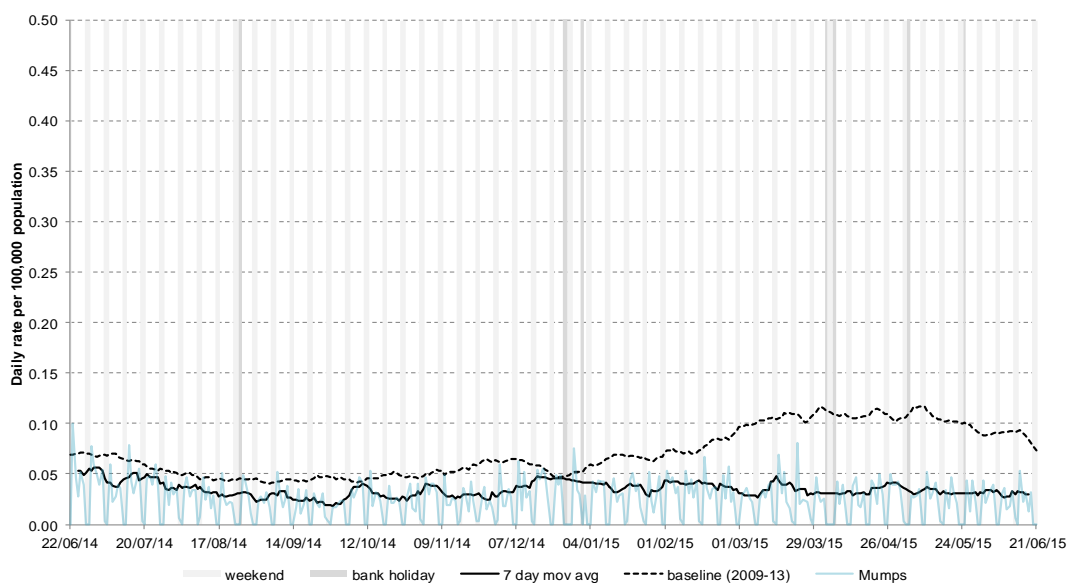
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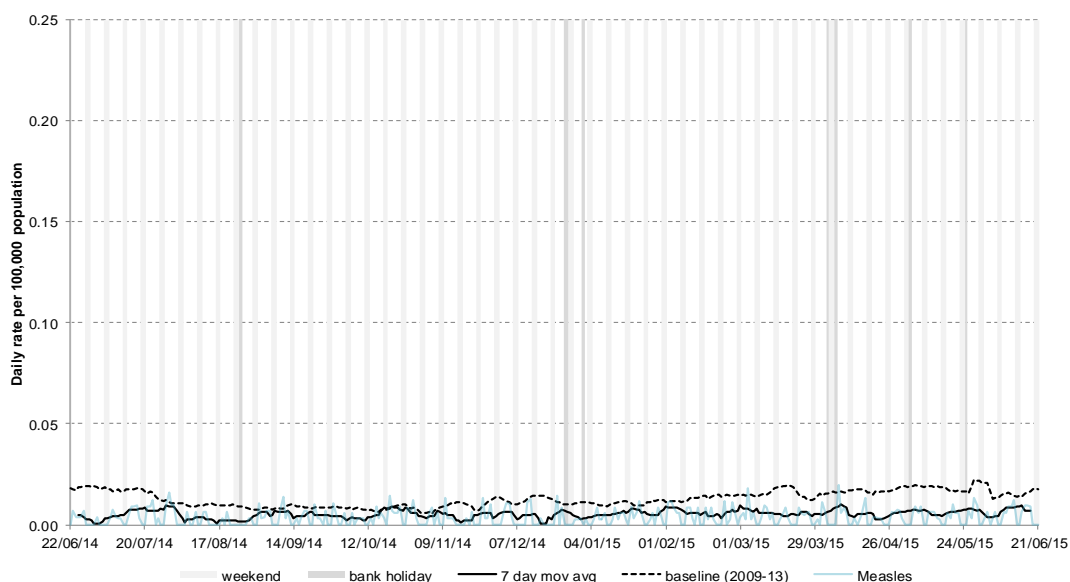
## 14: Mumps

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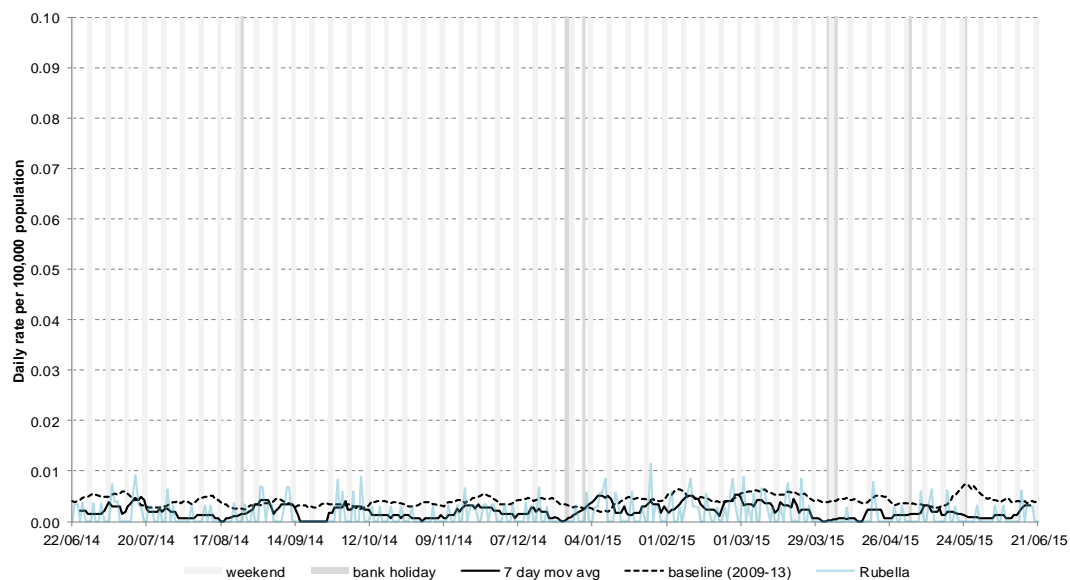
## 15: Measles

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



## 16: Rubella

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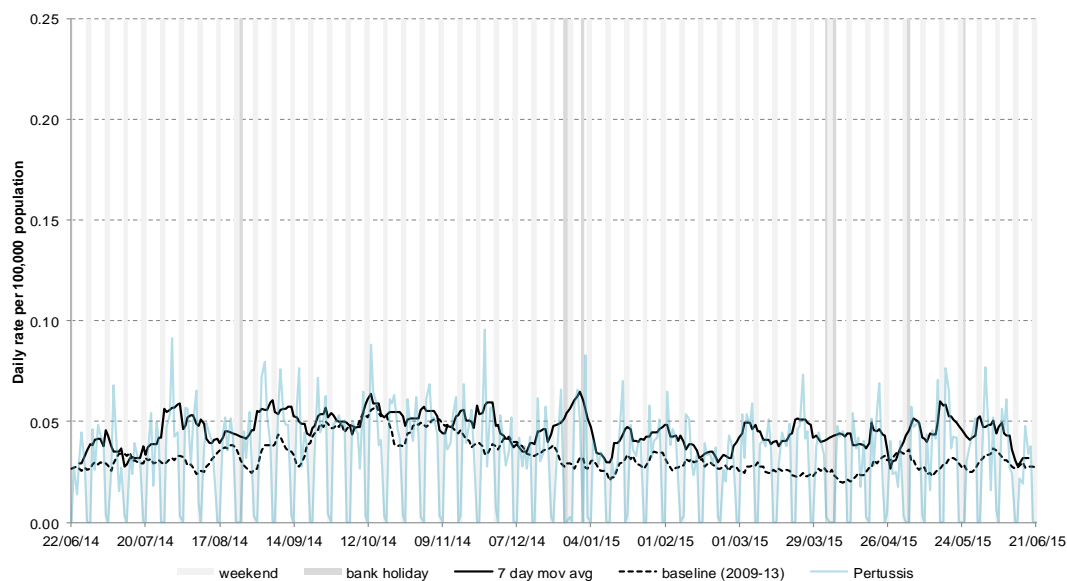


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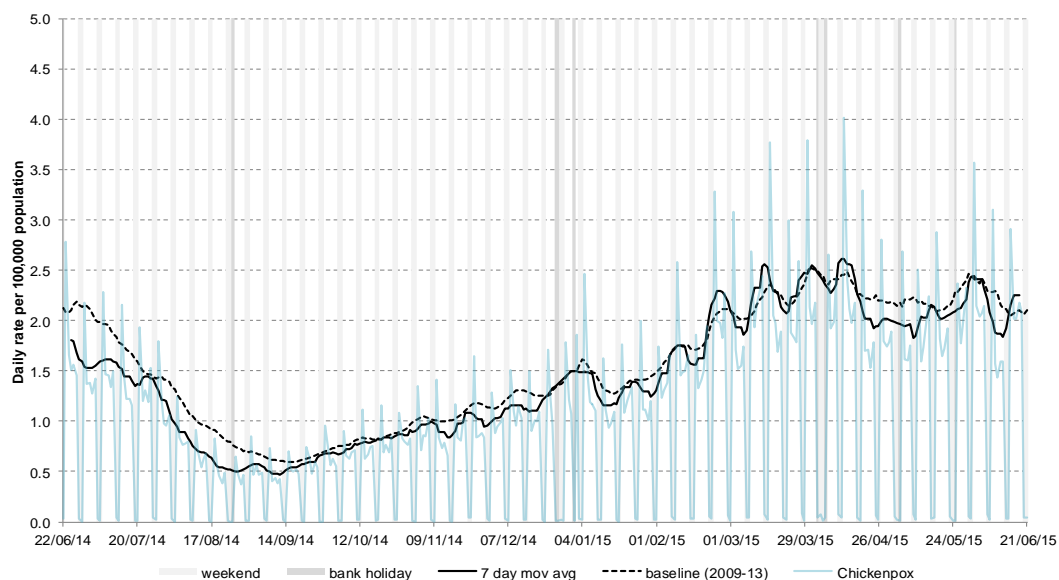
## 17: Pertussis

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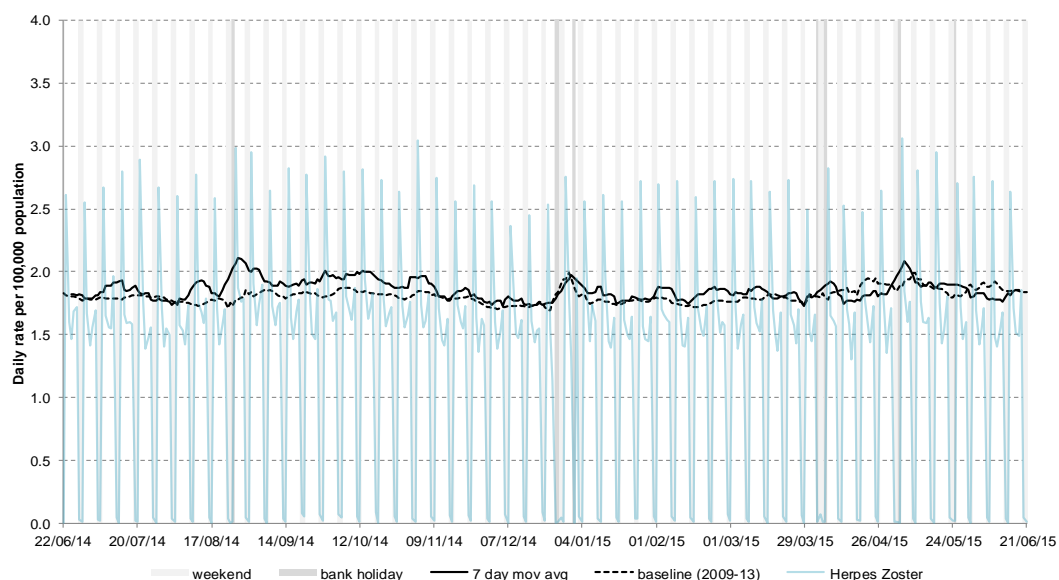
## 18: Chickenpox

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



## 19: Herpes zoster

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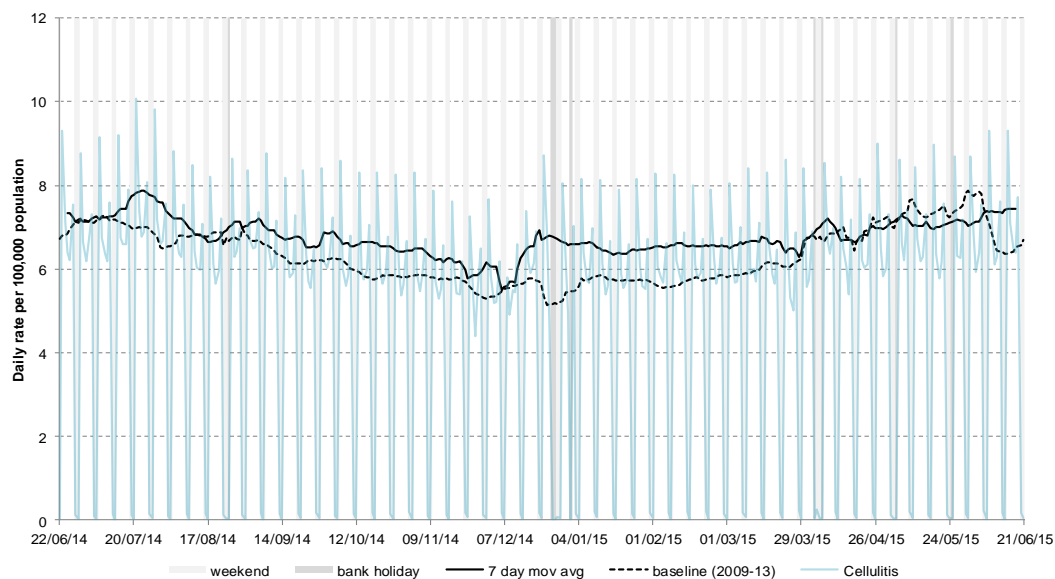
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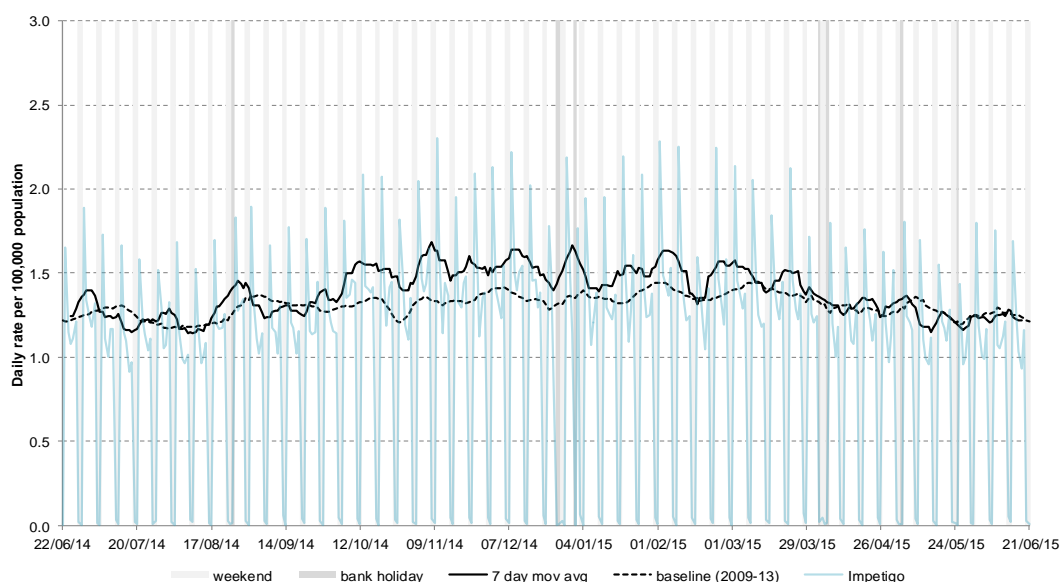
## 20: Cellulitis

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).



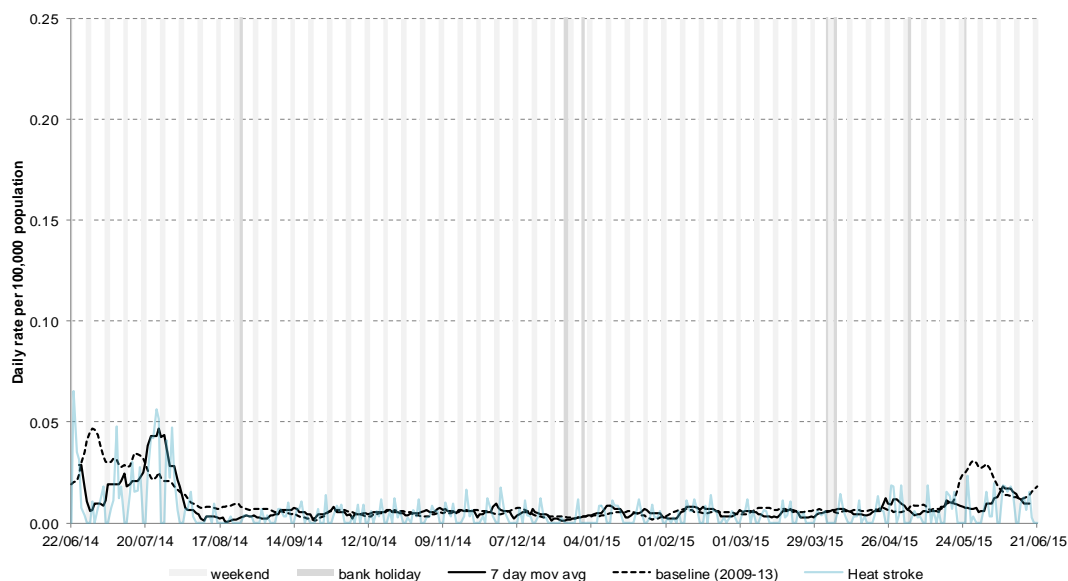
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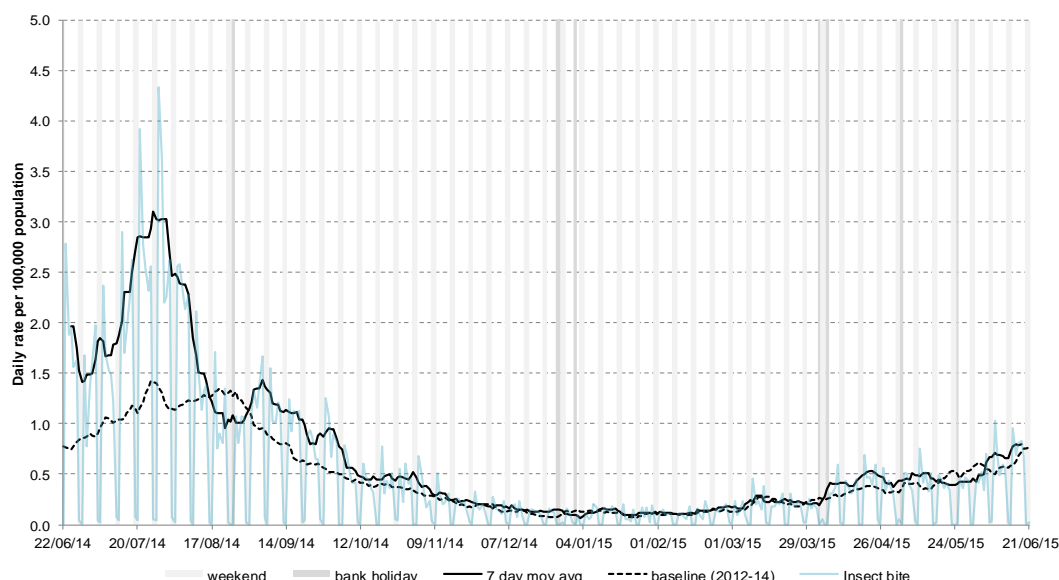
## 23: Heat/sunstroke

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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