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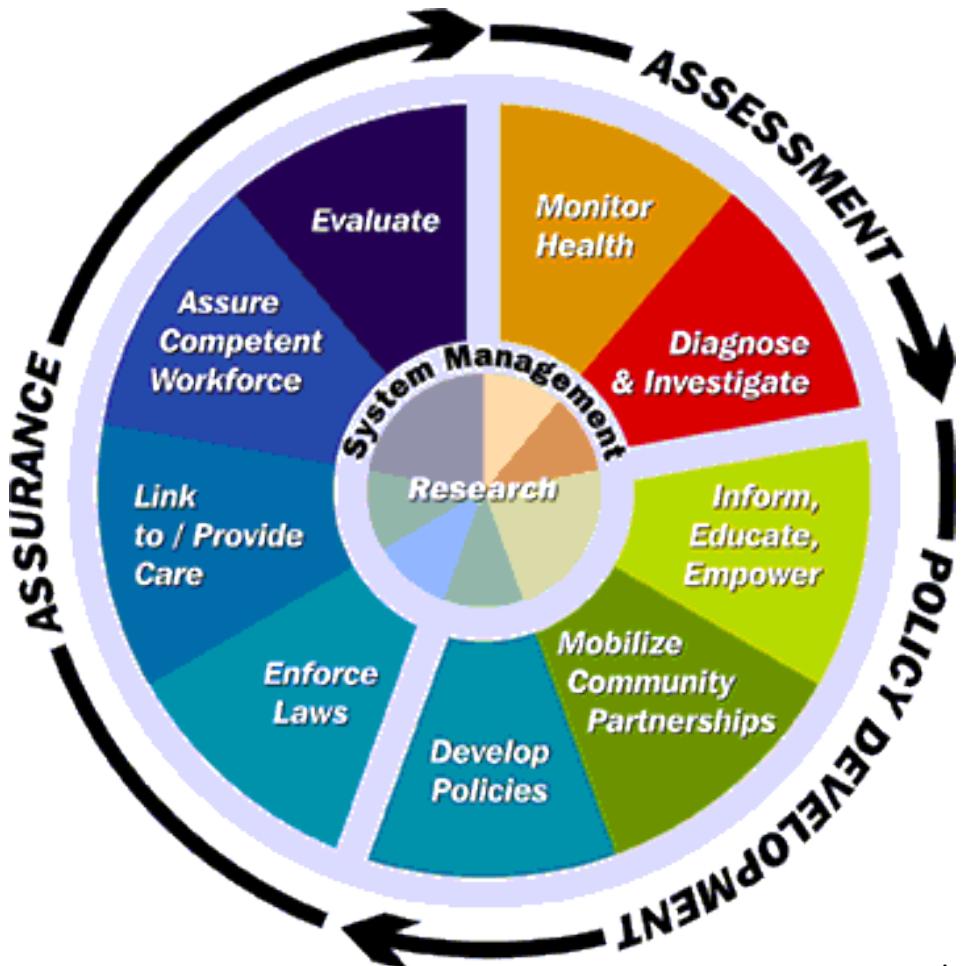
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**DEVELOPMENT BY STORM: HOW TO TURN POST-MARÍA RECOVERY
AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO FIX HEALTHCARE IN PUERTO RICO**

Surveillance and Epidemiologic Profile Post-
Hurricane Maria

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Public Health and Costs



“In addition to affecting the health of individuals directly, infectious diseases are also having an impact on whole societies, economies and political systems.” (Fonkwo, 2008, S13).

**Communicable
diseases have a
deep economic
burden.**

In Puerto Rico:

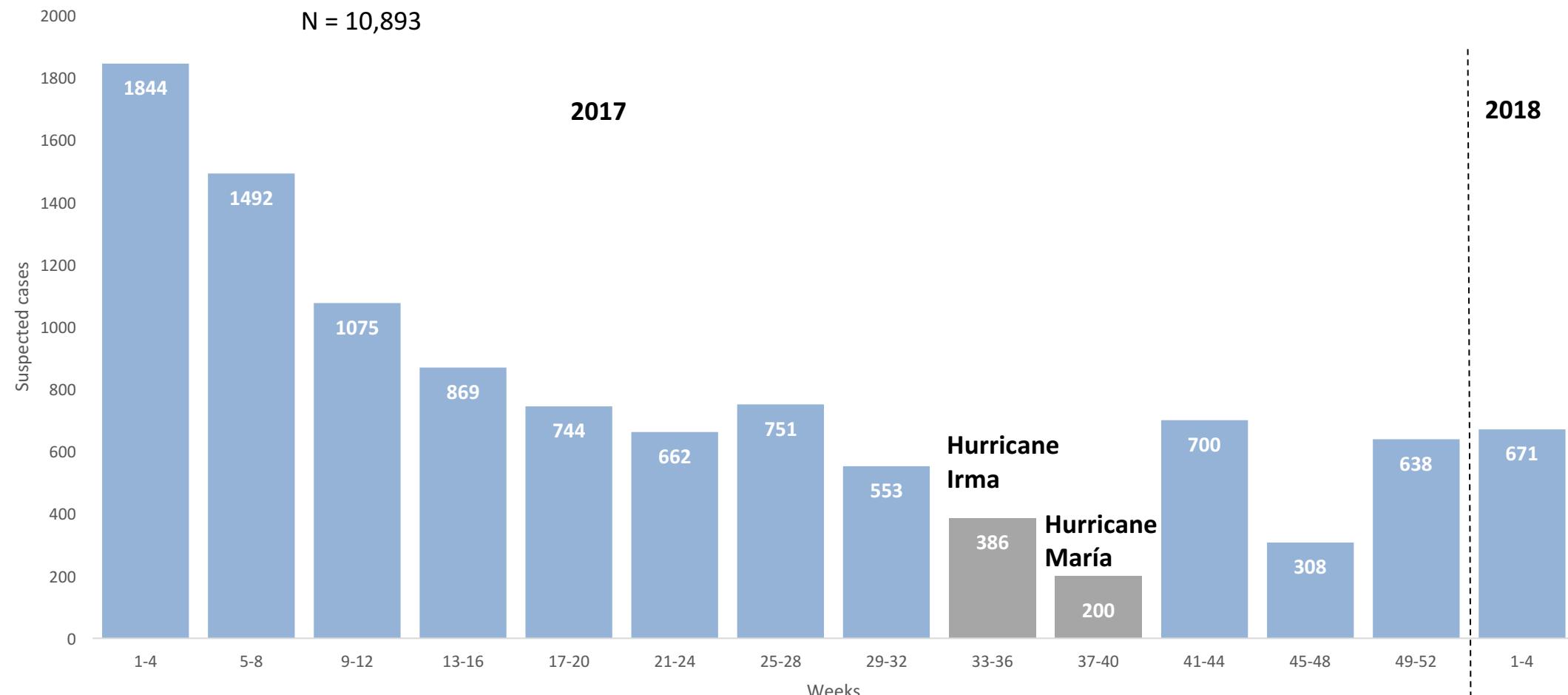
“From 2002 to 2010, the **aggregate annual cost of dengue illness averaged \$38.7 million**, of which 70% was for adults (age 15+ years). Hospitalized patients accounted for 63% of the cost of dengue illness, and fatal cases represented an additional 17%. Households funded 48% of dengue illness cost, the government funded 24%, insurance funded 22%, and employers funded 7%. Including dengue surveillance and vector control activities, the **overall annual cost** of dengue was **\$46.45 million** (\$12.47 per capita).” (Halasa, Shepard & Zeng, 2012, p. 745).

Halasa, Y. A., Shepard, D. S., & Zeng, W. (2012). Economic Cost of dengue in Puerto Rico. *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 86(5), pp. 745-752.

In the United States:

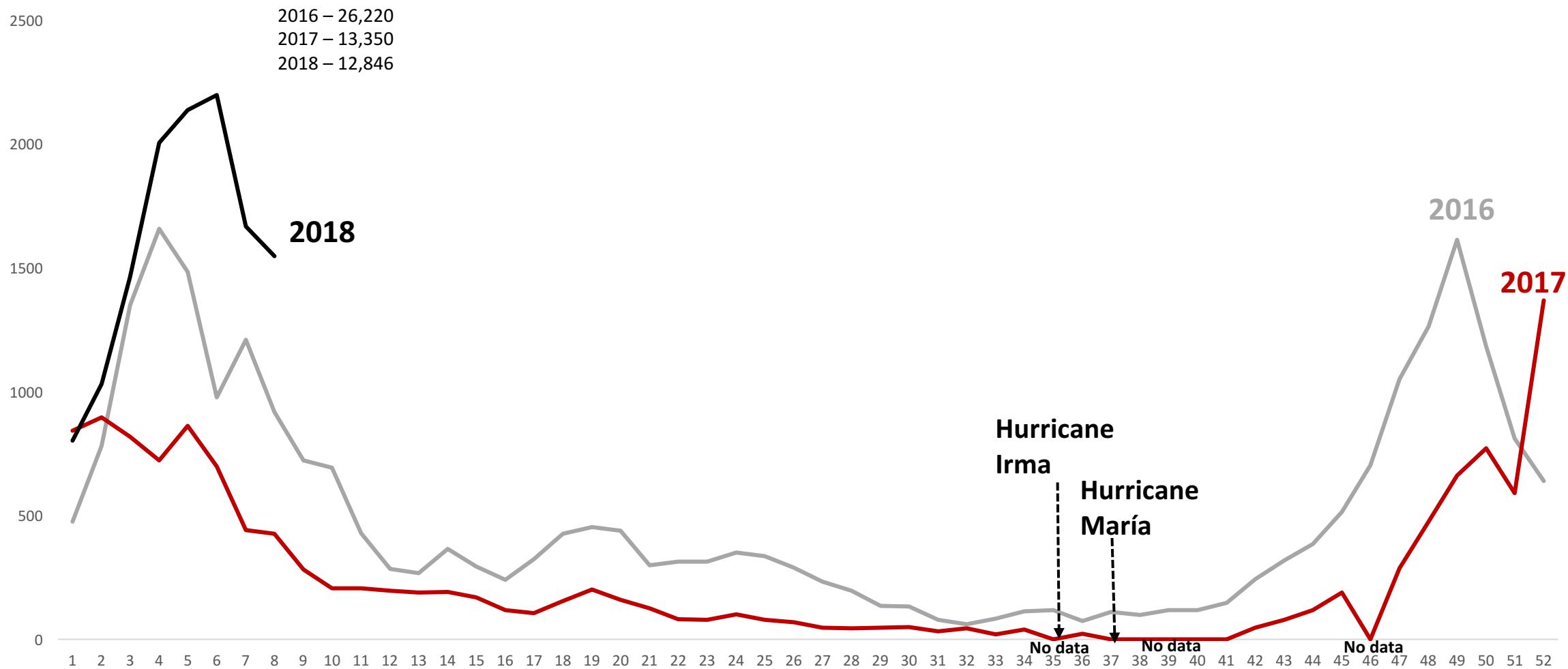
“The **total economic burden** of annual influenza epidemics using projected statistical life values amounted to **\$87.1 billion** (C.I., \$47.2, \$149.5).” (Molinari, A.-A. M., Ortega-Sánchez, I. R.; Messonnier, Thompson, Wortley, & Bridges, 2007, p. 5086).

Arboviral diseases* by weeks, Puerto Rico 2017

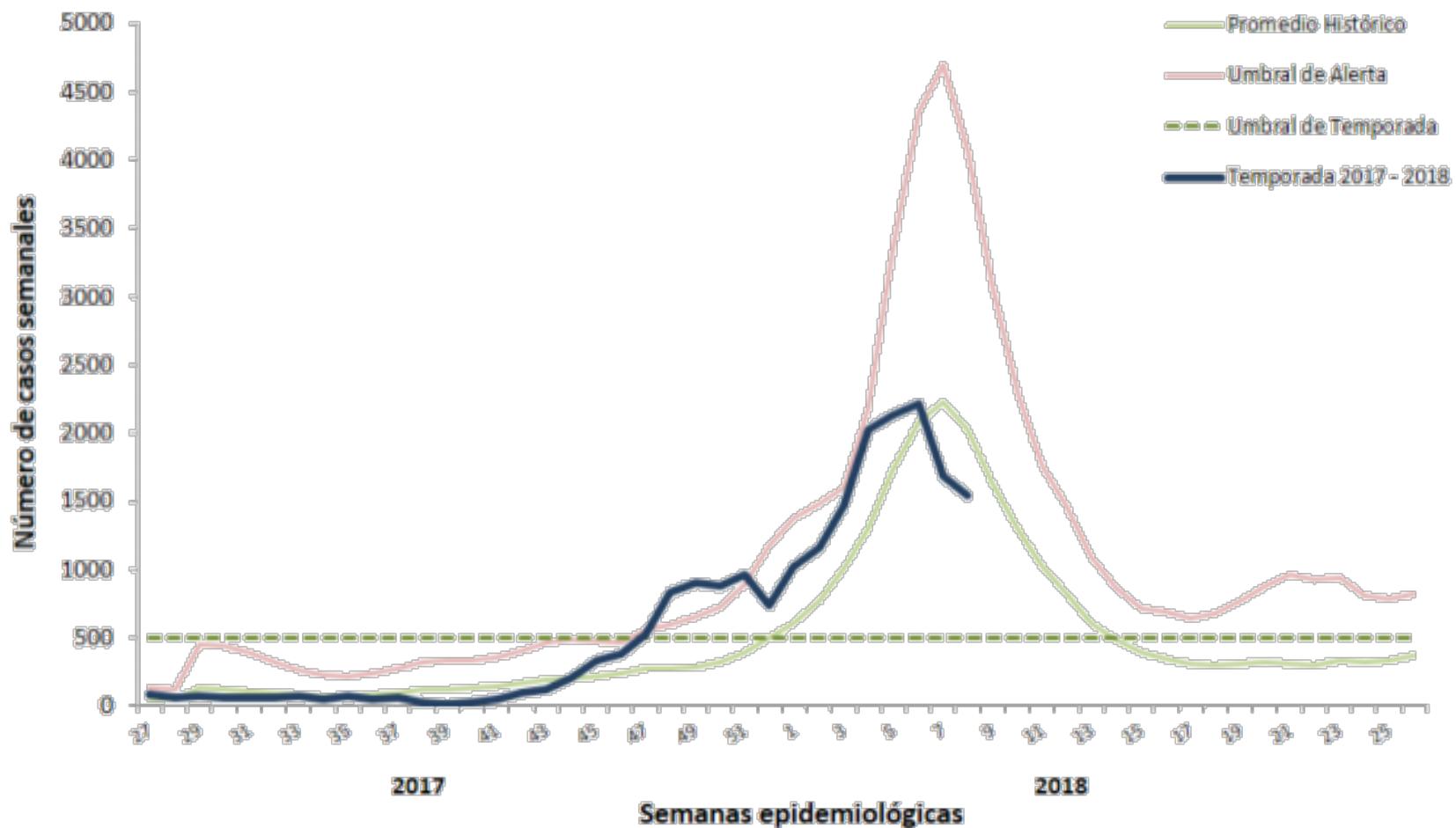


*Dengue virus, Chikungunya virus, and Zika virus

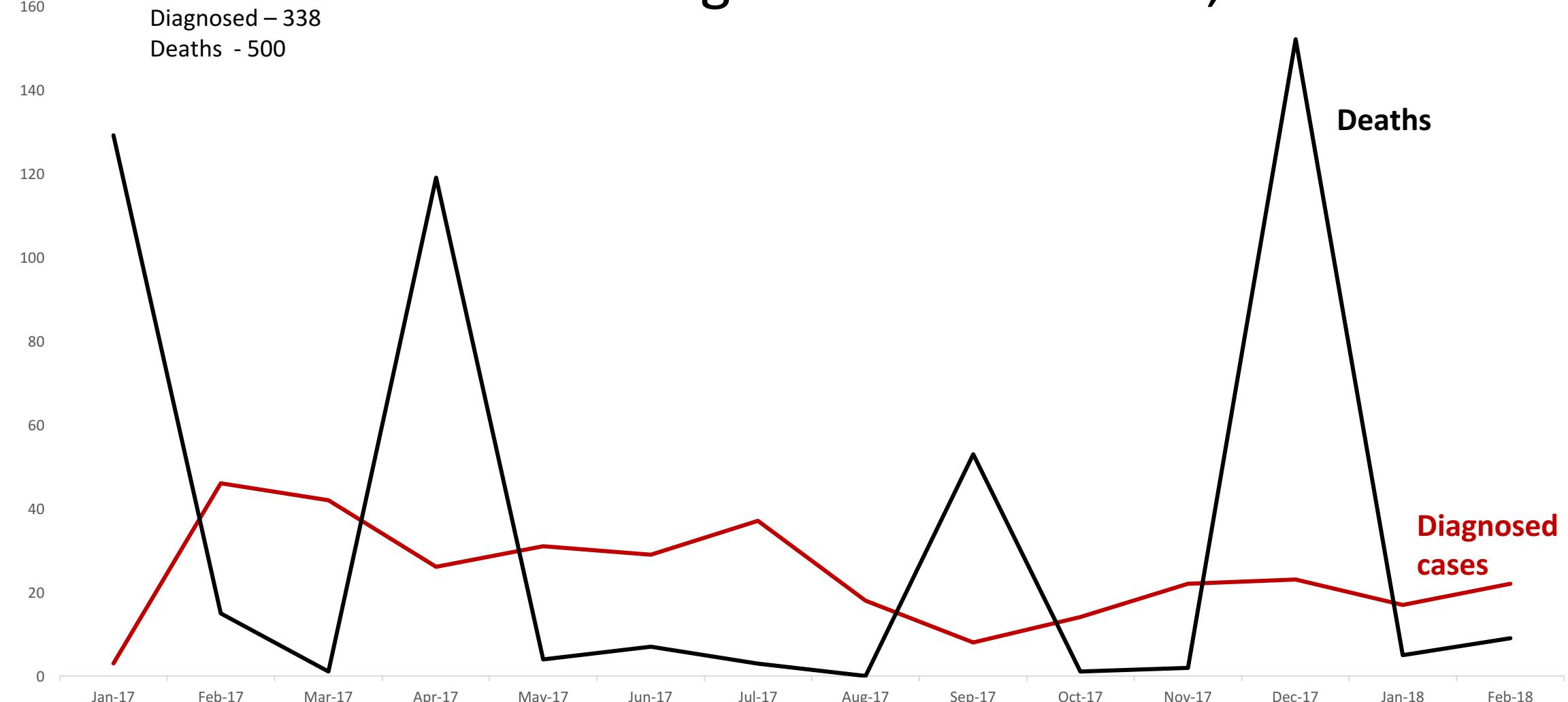
Influenza trends by week, Puerto Rico 2016-2018



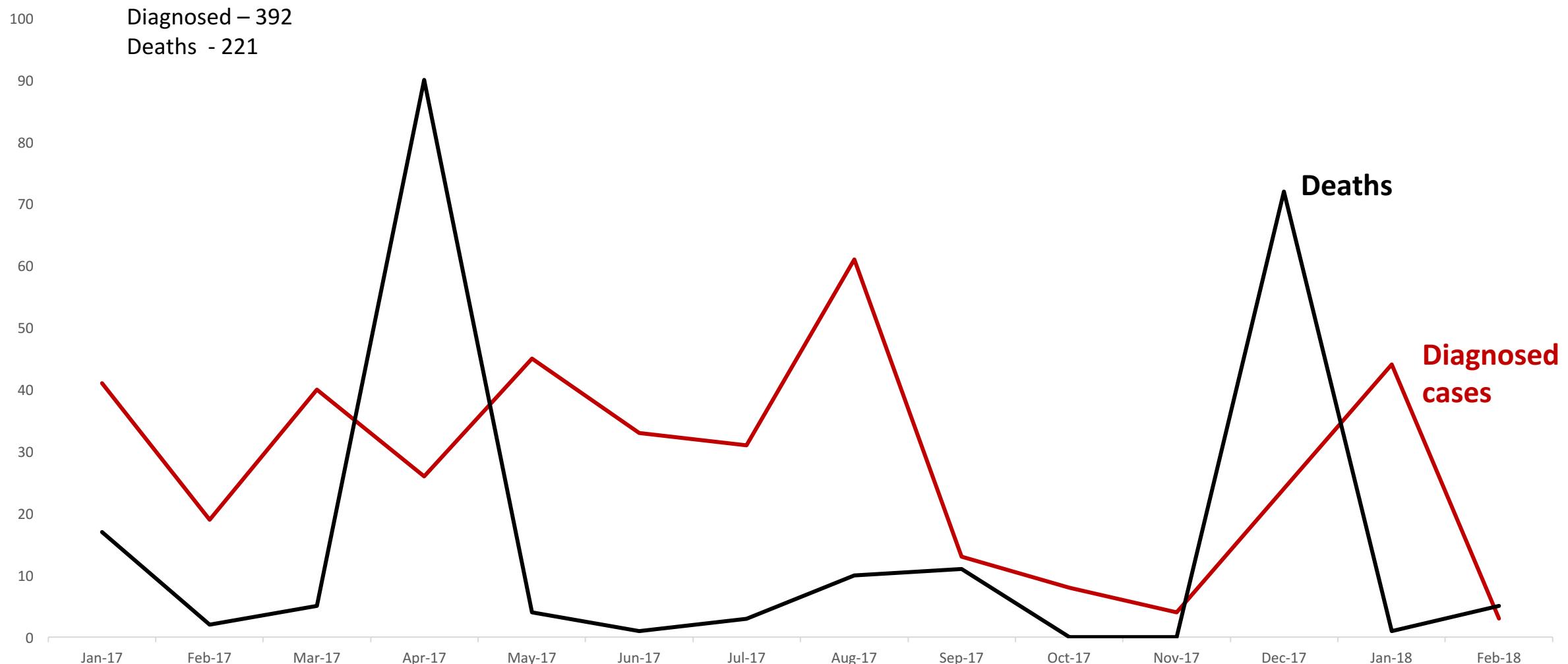
Reported cases of influenza by epidemiological week in 2017-2018 season compared by historical mean, season threshold, and warning threshold



Number of AIDS Cases Diagnosed and Deaths, 2017 -2018



Number of HIV not AIDS Cases Diagnosed and Deaths, 2017 -2018



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