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 2 **Japan during the COVID-19 pandemic**

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12 **eTable 1.** State of emergency declarations, by prefecture.
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Prefecture	State of Emergency #1	State of Emergency #2	State of Emergency #3	State of Emergency #4
Hokkaido	4/16/2020 – 5/25/2020	5/16/2021 – 6/20/2021	8/27/2021 – 9/30/2021	
Aomori	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Iwate	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Miyagi	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	8/27/2021 – 9/12/2021		
Akita	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Yamagata	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Fukushima	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Ibaraki	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	8/20/2021 – 9/30/2021		
Tochigi	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	1/14/2021 – 2/7/2021	8/20/2021 – 9/30/2021	
Gunma	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	8/20/2021 – 9/30/2021		
Saitama	4/7/2020 – 5/25/2020	1/8/2021 – 3/21/2021	8/2/2021 – 9/30/2021	
Chiba	4/7/2020 – 5/25/2020	1/8/2021 – 3/21/2021	8/2/2021 – 9/30/2021	
Tokyo	4/7/2020 – 5/25/2020	1/8/2021 – 3/21/2021	4/25/2021 – 6/20/2021	7/12/2021 – 9/30/2021
Kanagawa	4/7/2020 – 5/25/2020	1/8/2021 – 3/21/2021	8/2/2021 – 9/30/2021	
Niigata	None			
Toyama	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Ishikawa	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Fukui	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Yamanashi	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Nagano	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Gifu	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	1/14/2021 – 2/28/2021	8/27/2021 – 9/30/2021	
Shizuoka	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	8/20/2021 – 9/30/2021		
Aichi	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	1/14/2021 – 2/28/2021	5/12/2021 – 6/20/2021	8/27/2021 – 9/30/2021
Mie	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	8/27/2021 – 9/30/2021		
Shiga	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	8/27/2021 – 9/30/2021		
Kyoto	4/16/2020 –	1/14/2021 –	4/25/2021 –	8/20/2021 –

	5/21/2020	2/28/2021	6/20/2021	9/30/2021
Osaka	4/7/2020 – 5/21/2020	1/14/2021 – 2/28/2021	4/25/2021 – 6/20/2021	8/20/2021 – 9/30/2021
Hyogo	4/7/2020 – 5/21/2020	1/14/2021 – 2/28/2021	4/25/2021 – 6/20/2021	8/20/2021 – 9/30/2021
Nara	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Wakayama	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Tottori	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Shimane	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Okayama	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	5/16/2021 – 6/20/2021	8/27/2021 – 9/12/2021	
Hiroshima	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	5/16/2021 – 6/20/2021	8/27/2021 – 9/30/2021	
Yamaguchi	None			
Tokushima	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Kagawa	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Ehime	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Kochi	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Fukuoka	4/7/2020 – 5/14/2020	1/14/2021 – 2/28/2021	5/12/2021 – 6/20/2021	8/20/2021 – 9/30/2021
Saga	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Nagasaki	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Kumamoto	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Oita	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Miyazaki	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Kagoshima	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020			
Okinawa	4/16/2020 – 5/14/2020	5/23/2021 – 9/30/2021		

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15 **Supplemental Methods**

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18 *Stratifications of STI surveillance data*

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20 Weekly/monthly STI surveillance reports do not include detailed demographic data such
21 as age, sex, occupation, or sexual orientation for all diseases, but there are some
22 exceptions. Chlamydia, gonorrhoea, condyloma, and herpes data are available stratified
23 by sex. HIV/AIDS data are available stratified by sex of sexual partners (sexual contact
24 exclusively with the opposite sex, sexual contact exclusively with the same sex, and
25 sexual activity with both men and women); however, the data are not stratified by sex
26 (male/female). Furthermore, some cases are not classified into any of these sexual
27 contact categories. Finally, syphilis data is stratified by stage (asymptomatic [i.e.,
28 incidentally positive RPR testing], stage 1, stage 2, late-stage, and congenital). Where
29 stratifications were available, we have conducted stratified analyses that follow the
30 same methodology as explained below. These findings are presented in the remainder
31 of the Supplementary Material.

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33 *Sentinel surveillance of genital chlamydia, gonorrhoea, condyloma acuminata, and*
34 *genital herpes*

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36 Every year, approximately 900-1000 sentinel medical institutions are selected from
37 across Japan, and monthly statistics detailing the average number of diagnoses per
38 institution is made openly available. The location and number of sentinel medical

39 institutions in each prefecture are determined by considering the relative population of
40 each health center's area of jurisdiction and the ability to identify the incidence trends for
41 the entire prefecture.^{1,2} In Japan, patients who suspect that they have an STI generally
42 visit general hospitals, infectious disease clinics, urology clinics, obstetrics/gynecology
43 clinics, general internal medicine clinics, or clinics specializing in sexually transmitted
44 infections to be tested for STIs at the physician's discretion.

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46 Sentinel sites specifically designated for STI surveillance include “medical facilities
47 declaring that they have a gynecology and obstetrics department, obstetrics department
48 or gynecology department (i.e., a gynecology and obstetrics specialty), a department
49 whose name is combined with sexually transmitted infections (STIs) pursuant to the
50 provisions of Article 3-2, paragraph 1, item (i), c and d (2) of the Enforcement Order of
51 the Medical Care Act (Cabinet Order No. 326 of 1948), a urology department or
52 dermatology department (i.e., medical facilities mainly providing medical services of the
53 specialty so declared)...”³

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55 *Diagnostic criteria for nationally notifiable STIs and those monitored by sentinel*
56 *surveillance*

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58 In order to count as part of notifiable disease surveillance, diagnoses of syphilis⁴ require
59 laboratory confirmation, and HIV/AIDS diagnoses require laboratory-confirmed HIV
60 infection with or without AIDS-related infection or malignancy.⁵ HIV diagnoses are listed
61 as “asymptomatic carriers” and reported in aggregate with new AIDS diagnoses. In

62 order to count as part of sentinel surveillance, diagnoses of chlamydia⁶ and gonorrhoea⁷
63 are made via laboratory confirmation, whereas condyloma⁸ and herpes⁹ are diagnosed
64 clinically. Please see eTable 2 for further details.

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66 *Regression Analysis: Farrington Approach*

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68 Weekly data comprised nationally reportable case numbers indicative of the true
69 incidence of HIV/AIDS and syphilis; thus, the quasi-Poisson regression was applied to
70 these numbers directly. However, the monthly data comprised the incidence of
71 chlamydia, gonorrhoea, condyloma acuminata, and herpes at sentinel sites only, and the
72 number of sentinel institutions varied slightly for any given month. Between 2015-2019,
73 the number of sentinel institutions ranged from 961 to 991 across all months (mean 985,
74 clinic counts for 2020-2021 were unavailable but estimates suggest they do not differ
75 from prior years). Any changes in the number of sentinels reporting monthly would
76 proportionately affect the number of STI notifications; thus, we corrected for fluctuations
77 in the number of sentinel institutions by calculating average monthly per institution
78 diagnoses, multiplying the resultant value by 100, and rounding the value to the nearest
79 integer; estimated results were rescaled by 100 in order to reobtain per institution
80 values.

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82 To account for seasonality, periods not included in the reference period were evenly
83 divided into three or nine sub-periods for monthly or weekly data, respectively, and each
84 was encoded as a binary dummy variable. Thus, the regression model is given by:¹⁰

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$$\log(E(Y_t)) = \alpha + \beta t + f^T(t)\gamma_f, \quad (1)$$

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$$E(Y_t) = \mu, \text{ and}$$

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$$\text{Var}(Y_t) = \phi\mu,$$

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92 where Y_t is the monthly number of diagnoses for a certain week or month t , α and β are
93 regression parameters, $\gamma_{f(t)}$ is a regression parameter vector to control for seasonality,
94 and $f(t)$ is a vector of dummies for the aforementioned dummy variables. The
95 regression coefficients and the overdispersion parameter ϕ were estimated using the
96 quasi-likelihood method.

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98 In order to estimate the baseline in Equation (1), we used data from 2013-2017 and
99 predicted expected monthly case numbers for 2018-2021 using a 5-year moving
100 window (e.g., predictions for 2020 were made using data from 2015-2019). By
101 substituting the estimated regression parameters into Equation (1), the expected
102 number was predicted for the week or month of interest t_0 . We estimated two one-sided
103 95% prediction intervals (PI) with the assumption that $Y_{t_0} \sim NB(\widehat{Y}_{t_0}, \widehat{\nu}_0)$, where NB is a
104 negative binomial distribution, \widehat{Y}_{t_0} is the mean of the distribution, and $\widehat{\nu}_0 = \frac{\widehat{Y}_{t_0}}{\widehat{\phi}-1}$ is the
105 dispersion parameter. Observed values that fell above or below the upper or lower 95%
106 prediction interval were regarded as statistically significant excesses or deficits,
107 respectively. Additional information regarding the Farrington algorithm can be found
108 elsewhere.^{11, 12}

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110 *Sensitivity Analyses*

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112 When estimating the expectation, the algorithm restricts the time period of the observed
113 data (defined as the *reference period*) based on several parameters. To estimate the
114 expected number of cases for a given calendar week or month t , the algorithm uses
115 only data from $t - w$ to $t + w$ weeks or months among years $h - b$ and $h - 1$, where h is
116 the year of t and w and b are pre-fixed constants. For monthly data (i.e., sentinel STIs),
117 b and w were set at 5 and 1, respectively; for weekly data (i.e., notifiable STIs), b and w
118 were set at 5 and 3, respectively.¹¹

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120 In order to check the stability of our model, we varied the parameters of b and w for
121 weekly and monthly regressions. For weekly data, we tested all combinations of
122 $b = 3$ or 5 and $w = 3$ or 4. For monthly data, we tested all combinations of $b = 3$ or 5 or
123 $w = 1$ or 2. Because sentinel STI reporting was based on a variable number of sentinel
124 institutions every month, we adjusted for these changes by calculating per-institution
125 rates, multiplying those rates by 100, conducting the regression, and rescaling down to
126 per-institution values. We also tested whether the regression changed materially after
127 multiplying average monthly per sentinel values by 1000 instead of 100.

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129 *Methodologic Limitations*

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131 First, the Farrington algorithm is intended to detect significant deviations in STI reporting
132 when compared to historical trends. Thus, our results are based on temporal

133 correlations with the pandemic; we are unable to make definitive assessments of
134 causality. Second, the quasi-Poisson regression can passively capture gradual changes
135 in trends over time but does not consider abrupt events that would dramatically alter
136 reporting. Therefore, we are unable to assess the effect of unknown confounders which
137 may have caused sudden shocks in the STI notification landscape. Third, because
138 sentinel STI reporting was based on a variable number of sentinel institutions every
139 month, we adjusted for these changes by calculating per-institution rates, multiplying
140 those rates by 100, conducting the regression, and rescaling down to per-institution
141 values. Our sensitivity analyses showed that using the 1000-based scale increased the
142 sensitivity of our analyses; thus, the results presented in the main text of this study
143 represent a conservative assessment of the trends in sentinel STIs. This limitation does
144 not apply to the notifiable STIs.

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146 **eTable 2.** Case definitions and reporting criteria for STI per National Institute of
 147 Infectious Disease guidelines.

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STI	Case Definition	Reporting Details
Chlamydia	The prescribed test methods include detection of <i>C. trachomatis</i> in specimens collected from the urethra or genitals, detection of <i>C. trachomatis</i> antigens or genes, or detection of antibodies in serum.	Reported monthly by participating sentinel institutions
Gonorrhea	Established testing methods include the detection of <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> in materials collected from the urethra and genitals, ocular secretions, and pharyngeal swabs, or the detection of <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> antigens or genes.	Reported monthly by participating sentinel institutions
Condyloma	The clinical symptoms required for notification are "characteristic papillary or corpus callosum-like lesions of light red or brown color in and around the genitals in both men and women.	Reported monthly by participating sentinel institutions
Herpes	The clinical symptoms required for notification are "one to many small painful bullous or shallow ulcerative lesions characteristic of herpes on the genitals or buttocks in both men and women.	Reported monthly by participating sentinel institutions
HIV/AIDS	The prescribed test methods include HIV antibody screening test using serum and antibody confirmation tests (Western Blot method, etc.) or HIV antigen test, virus isolation, and nucleic acid diagnostic methods (PCR, etc.).	All medical institutions report cases of HIV/AIDS within 7 days of diagnosis if the patient is "suspected of having HIV/AIDS based on clinical characteristics or is asymptomatic but diagnosed using the established testing methods." Data is aggregated weekly. Information to be reported includes gender, age, HIV type, suspected route of infection, clinical symptoms, CD4 level at the time of

		diagnosis, and method of diagnosis
Syphilis	Prescribed testing methods include detection of pathogens by PCR or other tests on lesions (early induration, induration chancre, condyloma flatum, mucosal rash), and serum tests using cardiolipin or T. pallidum antigens.	All medical institutions report cases of "suspected syphilis based on clinical features or asymptomatic but diagnosed by established laboratory methods" as syphilis within 7 days of diagnosis. Data is aggregated weekly. Information to be reported includes gender, age, stage, pregnancy status, clinical symptoms, diagnostic methods, suspected route and place of infection, and previous treatment for syphilis.

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151 **Results: Sensitivity Analyses**

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153 *Sentinel STIs*

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155 Based on visual inspection, the variation of the parameters b and w did not elicit
156 substantial changes in the fit of the quasi-Poisson regression models for chlamydia,
157 gonorrhoea, condyloma, or herpes. Multiplying per institution values by 1000 instead of
158 100 slightly increased the sensitivity of detecting diagnostic excesses or deficits for any
159 given month.

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161 *Notifiable STIs*

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163 Based on visual inspection, the variation of the parameters b and w did not elicit
164 substantial changes in the fit of the quasi-Poisson regression models for HIV/AIDS or
165 syphilis.

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167 **eTable 3.** Dates corresponding to week numbers, 2020-2021.

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Week in 2020	Start Date	Week in 2021	Start Date
1	06-Jan-20	1	04-Jan-21
2	13-Jan-20	2	11-Jan-21
3	20-Jan-20	3	18-Jan-21
4	27-Jan-20	4	25-Jan-21
5	03-Feb-20	5	01-Feb-21
6	10-Feb-20	6	08-Feb-21
7	17-Feb-20	7	15-Feb-21
8	24-Feb-20	8	22-Feb-21
9	02-Mar-20	9	01-Mar-21
10	09-Mar-20	10	08-Mar-21
11	16-Mar-20	11	15-Mar-21
12	23-Mar-20	12	22-Mar-21
13	30-Mar-20	13	29-Mar-21
14	06-Apr-20	14	05-Apr-21
15	13-Apr-20	15	12-Apr-21
16	20-Apr-20	16	19-Apr-21
17	27-Apr-20	17	26-Apr-21
18	04-May-20	18	03-May-21
19	11-May-20	19	10-May-21
20	18-May-20	20	17-May-21
21	25-May-20	21	24-May-21
22	01-Jun-20	22	31-May-21
23	08-Jun-20	23	07-Jun-21
24	15-Jun-20	24	14-Jun-21
25	22-Jun-20	25	21-Jun-21
26	29-Jun-20	26	28-Jun-21
27	06-Jul-20	27	05-Jul-21
28	13-Jul-20	28	12-Jul-21
29	20-Jul-20	29	19-Jul-21
30	27-Jul-20	30	26-Jul-21
31	03-Aug-20	31	02-Aug-21
32	10-Aug-20	32	09-Aug-21
33	17-Aug-20	33	16-Aug-21
34	24-Aug-20	34	23-Aug-21
35	31-Aug-20	35	30-Aug-21
36	07-Sep-20	36	06-Sep-21
37	14-Sep-20	37	13-Sep-21
38	21-Sep-20	38	20-Sep-21
39	28-Sep-20	39	27-Sep-21
40	05-Oct-20	40	04-Oct-21
41	12-Oct-20	41	11-Oct-21
42	19-Oct-20	42	18-Oct-21
43	26-Oct-20	43	25-Oct-21
44	02-Nov-20	44	01-Nov-21
45	09-Nov-20	45	08-Nov-21
46	16-Nov-20	46	15-Nov-21
47	23-Nov-20	47	22-Nov-21
48	30-Nov-20	48	29-Nov-21
49	07-Dec-20	49	06-Dec-21
50	14-Dec-20	50	13-Dec-21
51	21-Dec-20	51	20-Dec-21
52	28-Dec-20	52	27-Dec-21

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eTable 4. Observed and expected number of genital chlamydia diagnoses per sentinel institution with 95% prediction intervals, 2018-2021. Parameters: $b = 5$ and $w = 1$.

Year	Month	Observed	Predicted	Scale by 100		Scale by 1000	
				95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound	95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound
2018	1	2.01	1.88	2.17	1.72	2.1	1.79
2018	2	1.88	1.9	2.2	1.74	2.14	1.8
2018	3	2.1	1.9	2.18	1.72	2.08	1.82
2018	4	1.88	1.98	2.28	1.81	2.21	1.88
2018	5	2.24	2.05	2.37	1.89	2.32	1.94
2018	6	2.24	2.14	2.44	1.95	2.33	2.06
2018	7	2.21	2.15	2.47	1.98	2.4	2.05
2018	8	2.31	2.17	2.49	2	2.44	2.06
2018	9	2.21	2.17	2.47	1.98	2.36	2.09
2018	10	2.37	2.13	2.45	1.96	2.37	2.03
2018	11	2.32	2.04	2.36	1.88	2.31	1.93
2018	12	2.09	1.98	2.27	1.8	2.17	1.9
2019	1	2.22	1.95	2.26	1.79	2.2	1.85
2019	2	2.04	1.97	2.28	1.81	2.24	1.86
2019	3	2.27	1.96	2.25	1.78	2.15	1.88
2019	4	2.17	2.05	2.36	1.88	2.3	1.94
2019	5	2.23	2.12	2.45	1.96	2.41	2
2019	6	2.32	2.24	2.55	2.05	2.46	2.14
2019	7	2.47	2.25	2.58	2.08	2.51	2.15
2019	8	2.39	2.28	2.62	2.12	2.59	2.16
2019	9	2.4	2.31	2.63	2.12	2.53	2.22
2019	10	2.57	2.28	2.61	2.11	2.55	2.18
2019	11	2.27	2.22	2.56	2.06	2.52	2.1
2019	12	2.34	2.16	2.47	1.98	2.37	2.07
2020	1	2.47	2.11	2.43	1.94	2.35	2.02
2020	2	2.36	2.15	2.48	1.99	2.43	2.04
2020	3	2.45	2.14	2.45	1.96	2.35	2.06
2020	4	2.24	2.23	2.55	2.05	2.46	2.14
2020	5	2.22	2.31	2.65	2.14	2.59	2.19
2020	6	2.37	2.42	2.74	2.23	2.64	2.33
2020	7	2.48	2.46	2.8	2.27	2.72	2.35
2020	8	2.49	2.49	2.85	2.32	2.8	2.37

2020	9	2.48	2.54	2.88	2.35	2.78	2.44
2020	10	2.69	2.51	2.86	2.33	2.79	2.4
2020	11	2.28	2.45	2.8	2.28	2.76	2.32
2020	12	2.36	2.38	2.71	2.19	2.62	2.28
2021	1	2.38	2.34	2.67	2.16	2.6	2.23
2021	2	2.33	2.37	2.72	2.2	2.67	2.26
2021	3	2.56	2.34	2.67	2.16	2.58	2.25
2021	4	2.41	2.41	2.75	2.23	2.67	2.3
2021	5	2.52	2.47	2.83	2.3	2.78	2.35
2021	6	2.69	2.56	2.91	2.37	2.82	2.46
2021	7	2.76	2.61	2.96	2.42	2.9	2.49
2021	8	2.61	2.64	3.01	2.46	2.96	2.52
2021	9	2.59	2.69	3.04	2.49	2.93	2.59
2021	10	2.61	2.65	3.01	2.47	2.94	2.54
2021	11	2.53	2.60	2.96	2.42	2.90	2.48
2021	12	2.50	2.52	2.86	2.33	2.76	2.42

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PI = prediction interval

175 **eTable 5.** Observed and expected number of gonorrhoea diagnoses per sentinel
 176 institution with 95% prediction intervals, 2018-2021. Parameters: $b = 5$ and $w = 1$.
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Year	Month	Observed	Predicted	Scale by 100		Scale by 1000	
				95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound	95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound
2018	1	0.69	0.62	0.79	0.53	0.74	0.57
2018	2	0.56	0.62	0.79	0.52	0.73	0.57
2018	3	0.67	0.6	0.76	0.5	0.7	0.55
2018	4	0.61	0.6	0.76	0.5	0.72	0.55
2018	5	0.72	0.6	0.77	0.51	0.71	0.56
2018	6	0.65	0.64	0.81	0.54	0.75	0.59
2018	7	0.71	0.67	0.84	0.57	0.79	0.62
2018	8	0.82	0.69	0.86	0.58	0.81	0.64
2018	9	0.72	0.68	0.85	0.57	0.79	0.63
2018	10	0.72	0.65	0.82	0.55	0.77	0.59
2018	11	0.67	0.6	0.77	0.51	0.71	0.56
2018	12	0.7	0.61	0.77	0.51	0.71	0.56
2019	1	0.76	0.59	0.76	0.5	0.72	0.54
2019	2	0.62	0.6	0.76	0.5	0.71	0.55
2019	3	0.67	0.57	0.73	0.48	0.68	0.53
2019	4	0.7	0.59	0.76	0.5	0.72	0.54
2019	5	0.72	0.6	0.76	0.5	0.72	0.55
2019	6	0.65	0.64	0.81	0.54	0.75	0.59
2019	7	0.77	0.68	0.86	0.58	0.82	0.63
2019	8	0.77	0.72	0.9	0.62	0.85	0.67
2019	9	0.72	0.72	0.9	0.61	0.83	0.67
2019	10	0.68	0.69	0.87	0.59	0.82	0.63
2019	11	0.6	0.66	0.84	0.56	0.78	0.62
2019	12	0.69	0.68	0.85	0.57	0.78	0.63
2020	1	0.79	0.65	0.82	0.55	0.77	0.6
2020	2	0.65	0.66	0.83	0.55	0.77	0.62
2020	3	0.61	0.63	0.8	0.53	0.73	0.59
2020	4	0.6	0.65	0.82	0.55	0.77	0.61
2020	5	0.55	0.65	0.82	0.55	0.75	0.61
2020	6	0.64	0.68	0.85	0.58	0.79	0.64
2020	7	0.79	0.72	0.9	0.61	0.84	0.67
2020	8	0.77	0.75	0.93	0.64	0.87	0.71
2020	9	0.79	0.74	0.92	0.63	0.85	0.7

2020	10	0.88	0.7	0.88	0.6	0.82	0.65
2020	11	0.79	0.67	0.84	0.57	0.78	0.63
2020	12	0.74	0.67	0.85	0.57	0.79	0.63
2021	1	0.85	0.66	0.83	0.56	0.78	0.61
2021	2	0.73	0.66	0.83	0.56	0.77	0.61
2021	3	0.8	0.63	0.8	0.53	0.74	0.59
2021	4	0.9	0.65	0.82	0.55	0.78	0.59
2021	5	0.85	0.66	0.84	0.56	0.79	0.61
2021	6	0.9	0.71	0.89	0.6	0.84	0.66
2021	7	1.02	0.76	0.95	0.66	0.91	0.7
2021	8	0.9	0.8	1	0.7	0.96	0.74
2021	9	0.85	0.81	1	0.7	0.95	0.75
2021	10	0.94	0.78	0.98	0.68	0.95	0.72
2021	11	0.92	0.77	0.97	0.67	0.94	0.71
2021	12	0.91	0.79	0.99	0.69	0.96	0.73

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181 **eTable 6.** Observed and expected number of condyloma acuminata diagnoses per
 182 sentinel institution with 95% prediction intervals, 2018-2021. Parameters: $b = 5$ and $w =$
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Year	Month	Observed	Predicted	Scale by 100		Scale by 1000	
				95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound	95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound
2018	1	0.42	0.44	0.56	0.34	0.49	0.41
2018	2	0.38	0.45	0.58	0.36	0.52	0.42
2018	3	0.46	0.45	0.57	0.35	0.5	0.42
2018	4	0.47	0.47	0.6	0.37	0.53	0.44
2018	5	0.52	0.48	0.62	0.38	0.55	0.45
2018	6	0.54	0.5	0.63	0.4	0.56	0.47
2018	7	0.51	0.49	0.63	0.39	0.55	0.46
2018	8	0.5	0.48	0.62	0.39	0.56	0.45
2018	9	0.43	0.47	0.61	0.38	0.53	0.45
2018	10	0.55	0.46	0.6	0.37	0.52	0.44
2018	11	0.49	0.44	0.57	0.35	0.51	0.41
2018	12	0.42	0.43	0.56	0.34	0.49	0.4
2019	1	0.59	0.41	0.54	0.33	0.47	0.39
2019	2	0.44	0.43	0.56	0.34	0.5	0.4
2019	3	0.51	0.43	0.56	0.34	0.5	0.41
2019	4	0.47	0.46	0.59	0.37	0.53	0.43
2019	5	0.51	0.48	0.62	0.39	0.56	0.44
2019	6	0.58	0.5	0.64	0.4	0.57	0.47
2019	7	0.6	0.49	0.63	0.39	0.56	0.46
2019	8	0.54	0.49	0.64	0.4	0.59	0.45
2019	9	0.55	0.49	0.63	0.4	0.58	0.45
2019	10	0.56	0.49	0.63	0.4	0.58	0.45
2019	11	0.53	0.46	0.61	0.38	0.56	0.42
2019	12	0.49	0.46	0.6	0.37	0.55	0.42
2020	1	0.52	0.44	0.58	0.36	0.53	0.41
2020	2	0.44	0.47	0.62	0.39	0.57	0.43
2020	3	0.5	0.47	0.61	0.38	0.56	0.43
2020	4	0.43	0.51	0.66	0.42	0.6	0.47
2020	5	0.44	0.53	0.69	0.44	0.64	0.49
2020	6	0.58	0.56	0.71	0.46	0.65	0.52
2020	7	0.48	0.55	0.71	0.46	0.65	0.51
2020	8	0.47	0.54	0.7	0.45	0.65	0.5

2020	9	0.53	0.53	0.69	0.44	0.63	0.5
2020	10	0.52	0.53	0.69	0.44	0.63	0.49
2020	11	0.41	0.51	0.66	0.42	0.62	0.46
2020	12	0.46	0.5	0.65	0.41	0.6	0.46
2021	1	0.45	0.48	0.62	0.39	0.57	0.44
2021	2	0.42	0.49	0.64	0.41	0.61	0.44
2021	3	0.47	0.47	0.62	0.39	0.58	0.43
2021	4	0.51	0.51	0.66	0.42	0.62	0.47
2021	5	0.49	0.53	0.69	0.44	0.65	0.48
2021	6	0.48	0.55	0.71	0.46	0.66	0.51
2021	7	0.48	0.55	0.71	0.46	0.66	0.5
2021	8	0.5	0.53	0.7	0.45	0.66	0.48
2021	9	0.46	0.53	0.69	0.44	0.64	0.48
2021	10	0.51	0.52	0.68	0.43	0.63	0.47
2021	11	0.49	0.50	0.66	0.42	0.62	0.45
2021	12	0.44	0.49	0.64	0.40	0.60	0.45

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188 **eTable 7.** Observed and expected number of genital herpes diagnoses per sentinel
 189 institution with 95% prediction intervals, 2018-2021. Parameters: $b = 5$ and $w = 1$.
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Year	Month	Observed	Predicted	Scale by 100		Scale by 1000	
				95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound	95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound
2018	1	0.75	0.77	0.95	0.65	0.86	0.74
2018	2	0.7	0.79	0.96	0.67	0.88	0.75
2018	3	0.77	0.78	0.96	0.66	0.87	0.75
2018	4	0.79	0.81	0.98	0.68	0.9	0.77
2018	5	0.81	0.82	1	0.7	0.92	0.78
2018	6	0.79	0.83	1.01	0.71	0.92	0.8
2018	7	0.83	0.83	1.01	0.71	0.92	0.79
2018	8	0.82	0.81	0.99	0.69	0.91	0.77
2018	9	0.69	0.8	0.97	0.68	0.89	0.76
2018	10	0.77	0.78	0.95	0.66	0.87	0.74
2018	11	0.78	0.77	0.94	0.65	0.86	0.73
2018	12	0.76	0.76	0.94	0.64	0.85	0.73
2019	1	0.74	0.76	0.94	0.65	0.85	0.73
2019	2	0.77	0.78	0.96	0.66	0.88	0.74
2019	3	0.8	0.78	0.96	0.66	0.87	0.75
2019	4	0.76	0.8	0.98	0.68	0.9	0.76
2019	5	0.79	0.81	0.99	0.69	0.91	0.77
2019	6	0.77	0.82	1	0.7	0.92	0.79
2019	7	0.82	0.82	1	0.69	0.91	0.78
2019	8	0.82	0.79	0.97	0.67	0.89	0.75
2019	9	0.87	0.78	0.95	0.66	0.87	0.75
2019	10	0.85	0.76	0.93	0.64	0.85	0.73
2019	11	0.78	0.76	0.93	0.64	0.86	0.72
2019	12	0.81	0.75	0.93	0.64	0.84	0.72
2020	1	0.82	0.75	0.93	0.64	0.84	0.72
2020	2	0.76	0.77	0.95	0.65	0.87	0.73
2020	3	0.76	0.78	0.95	0.66	0.86	0.74
2020	4	0.76	0.8	0.98	0.68	0.9	0.77
2020	5	0.62	0.82	1.01	0.7	0.92	0.78
2020	6	0.82	0.84	1.02	0.71	0.93	0.8
2020	7	0.76	0.84	1.02	0.72	0.93	0.8
2020	8	0.79	0.83	1.01	0.7	0.92	0.79
2020	9	0.78	0.82	0.99	0.69	0.9	0.78

2020	10	0.82	0.79	0.97	0.67	0.88	0.75
2020	11	0.72	0.79	0.97	0.67	0.89	0.75
2020	12	0.76	0.76	0.94	0.65	0.87	0.72
2021	1	0.73	0.76	0.94	0.65	0.86	0.72
2021	2	0.64	0.76	0.94	0.65	0.87	0.72
2021	3	0.82	0.76	0.94	0.64	0.86	0.71
2021	4	0.71	0.76	0.94	0.65	0.87	0.72
2021	5	0.71	0.78	0.96	0.67	0.89	0.74
2021	6	0.79	0.79	0.97	0.67	0.9	0.75
2021	7	0.77	0.8	0.98	0.68	0.91	0.76
2021	8	0.76	0.78	0.97	0.67	0.89	0.74
2021	9	0.75	0.78	0.96	0.66	0.89	0.73
2021	10	0.79	0.76	0.95	0.65	0.87	0.72
2021	11	0.83	0.76	0.94	0.65	0.88	0.71
2021	12	0.81	0.74	0.92	0.63	0.85	0.69

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193 **eTable 8.** Observed and expected number of HIV/AIDS diagnoses with 95% prediction
 194 intervals, 2018-2021. Parameters: $b = 5$ and $w = 3$.
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Year	Week	Observed	Predicted	95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound	Year	Week	Observed	Predicted	95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound
2018	1	3	13.43	24	8	2020	1	9	11.06	20	6
2018	2	11	12.72	23	7	2020	2	7	11.01	20	6
2018	3	13	12.12	22	7	2020	3	6	11.32	21	6
2018	4	15	13.13	23	8	2020	4	15	12.33	22	7
2018	5	14	13.51	24	8	2020	5	7	12.81	23	7
2018	6	22	13.86	24	8	2020	6	9	13.43	24	8
2018	7	11	14.85	26	9	2020	7	7	13.15	23	8
2018	8	16	14.36	25	9	2020	8	5	12.96	23	7
2018	9	13	14.35	25	9	2020	9	8	12.53	22	7
2018	10	13	14.06	24	8	2020	10	12	12.81	23	7
2018	11	15	14.21	25	8	2020	11	5	12.83	23	7
2018	12	17	14.68	25	9	2020	12	18	12.75	23	7
2018	13	10	14.39	25	9	2020	13	5	12.07	22	7
2018	14	13	13.27	23	8	2020	14	10	10.70	20	6
2018	15	10	12.38	22	7	2020	15	6	10.69	20	6
2018	16	14	12.75	22	7	2020	16	5	11.05	20	6
2018	17	13	13.72	24	8	2020	17	7	10.88	20	6
2018	18	3	14.53	25	9	2020	18	3	11.23	21	6
2018	19	15	14.62	25	9	2020	19	15	11.60	21	6
2018	20	22	15.26	26	9	2020	20	10	12.13	22	7
2018	21	10	15.82	27	10	2020	21	12	13.50	24	8
2018	22	22	17.57	29	11	2020	22	9	13.94	24	8
2018	23	15	17.71	29	12	2020	23	17	13.88	24	8
2018	24	16	17.91	30	12	2020	24	8	14.05	24	8
2018	25	17	17.56	29	11	2020	25	10	12.95	23	7
2018	26	15	16.67	28	11	2020	26	11	13.26	23	8
2018	27	13	15.86	27	10	2020	27	9	13.13	23	8
2018	28	17	15.56	26	10	2020	28	15	13.19	23	8
2018	29	6	14.88	25	9	2020	29	8	12.82	23	7
2018	30	22	14.47	25	9	2020	30	11	12.65	23	7
2018	31	16	14.45	25	9	2020	31	5	12.59	23	7
2018	32	24	14.85	25	9	2020	32	7	12.85	23	7
2018	33	15	15.41	26	10	2020	33	14	12.53	23	7
2018	34	17	15.81	27	10	2020	34	6	11.69	22	6

2018	35	13	15.30	26	9	2020	35	11	11.38	21	6
2018	36	12	15.55	26	10	2020	36	8	11.09	21	6
2018	37	11	15.36	26	9	2020	37	14	10.97	20	6
2018	38	14	14.96	25	9	2020	38	7	11.13	21	6
2018	39	12	15.13	26	9	2020	39	10	11.18	21	6
2018	40	14	14.79	25	9	2020	40	15	10.56	20	5
2018	41	12	13.77	24	8	2020	41	15	10.77	20	6
2018	42	13	13.93	24	8	2020	42	8	10.61	20	6
2018	43	7	13.94	24	8	2020	43	8	10.44	20	5
2018	44	13	13.97	24	8	2020	44	12	10.30	20	5
2018	45	19	13.81	24	8	2020	45	16	10.35	20	5
2018	46	15	14.29	25	8	2020	46	10	10.88	20	6
2018	47	13	14.77	26	9	2020	47	7	11.34	21	6
2018	48	10	15.90	27	10	2020	48	14	10.88	20	6
2018	49	11	14.68	25	9	2020	49	12	9.85	19	5
2018	50	24	13.75	24	8	2020	50	11	9.68	19	5
2018	51	12	13.96	25	8	2020	51	11	9.43	18	5
2018	52	12	13.61	24	8	2020	52	2	8.99	18	4
2018	53	1	13.07	23	8	2021	1	2	8.61	17	4
2019	1	3	12.55	22	7	2021	2	6	8.37	17	4
2019	2	8	12.35	22	7	2021	3	12	8.17	16	4
2019	3	15	12.93	23	8	2021	4	8	9.15	18	4
2019	4	15	13.83	24	8	2021	5	7	9.29	18	5
2019	5	11	14.32	24	9	2021	6	9	9.61	18	5
2019	6	16	15.24	26	9	2021	7	3	9.65	18	5
2019	7	13	14.92	25	9	2021	8	3	9.45	18	5
2019	8	6	14.82	25	9	2021	9	4	9.38	18	5
2019	9	8	14.12	24	9	2021	10	13	9.52	18	5
2019	10	15	14.30	25	9	2021	11	15	9.53	18	5
2019	11	18	14.26	25	9	2021	12	16	9.64	18	5
2019	12	21	13.89	24	8	2021	13	12	9.22	18	4
2019	13	14	13.03	23	8	2021	14	7	8.20	17	4
2019	14	17	11.77	21	7	2021	15	9	8.10	16	4
2019	15	12	12.09	21	7	2021	16	13	8.27	16	4
2019	16	7	13.09	23	8	2021	17	7	8.30	16	4
2019	17	5	13.09	23	8	2021	18	4	8.60	17	4
2019	18	8	13.54	24	8	2021	19	9	8.93	18	4
2019	19	7	14.07	24	8	2021	20	13	9.55	19	5
2019	20	10	14.58	25	9	2021	21	11	10.36	19	5

2019	21	16	16.47	27	11	2021	22	13	10.80	20	6
2019	22	10	16.69	28	11	2021	23	13	10.60	20	6
2019	23	21	16.44	27	10	2021	24	7	10.79	20	6
2019	24	13	16.72	28	11	2021	25	12	10.09	19	5
2019	25	17	15.54	26	10	2021	26	10	10.28	19	5
2019	26	12	15.23	26	9	2021	27	10	9.97	19	5
2019	27	10	15.15	26	9	2021	28	17	9.93	19	5
2019	28	8	14.87	26	9	2021	29	6	9.62	18	5
2019	29	16	14.52	25	9	2021	30	14	9.68	19	5
2019	30	19	14.66	25	9	2021	31	10	9.37	18	5
2019	31	18	14.81	25	9	2021	32	2	9.41	18	5
2019	32	9	15.20	26	9	2021	33	6	9.16	17	5
2019	33	8	15.12	26	9	2021	34	14	8.81	17	4
2019	34	9	14.54	25	9	2021	35	8	8.54	17	4
2019	35	10	14.38	25	9	2021	36	6	8.48	17	4
2019	36	12	13.99	24	8	2021	37	7	8.46	16	4
2019	37	12	13.65	24	8	2021	38	5	9.00	17	4
2019	38	13	13.94	24	8	2021	39	16	9.01	18	4
2019	39	10	13.95	25	8	2021	40	14	8.79	17	4
2019	40	7	13.09	23	8	2021	41	8	8.83	17	4
2019	41	10	13.63	24	8	2021	42	7	8.99	17	4
2019	42	12	13.72	24	8	2021	43	11	8.99	17	4
2019	43	13	13.42	24	8	2021	44	14	8.61	17	4
2019	44	15	13.20	24	8	2021	45	10	8.75	17	4
2019	45	11	13.34	24	8	2021	46	15	9.18	18	4
2019	46	15	13.92	24	8	2021	47	12	9.51	18	5
2019	47	11	14.43	25	9	2021	48	11	9.20	18	5
2019	48	17	13.43	24	8	2021	49	8	8.07	16	4
2019	49	14	12.28	22	7	2021	50	12	7.59	16	3
2019	50	16	12.37	23	7	2021	51	14	7.49	15	3
2019	51	20	11.93	22	7	2021	52	12	7.0	14	3
2019	52	1	11.70	21							

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199 **eTable 9.** Observed and expected number of syphilis diagnoses with 95% prediction
 200 intervals, 2018-2021. Parameters: $b = 5$ and $w = 3$.
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Year	Week	Observed	Predicted	95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound	Year	Week	Observed	Predicted	95% PI upper bound	95% PI lower bound
2018	1	21	85.90	120	71	2020	1	66	87.08	131	65
2018	2	59	86.44	121	71	2020	2	75	84.36	127	63
2018	3	93	84.04	117	70	2020	3	72	86.15	129	65
2018	4	73	91.38	127	76	2020	4	88	95.85	141	74
2018	5	71	97.00	132	82	2020	5	57	101.20	149	78
2018	6	59	100.67	138	85	2020	6	51	102.12	150	79
2018	7	61	101.82	140	85	2020	7	53	98.90	146	76
2018	8	69	95.90	133	80	2020	8	45	99.00	146	76
2018	9	93	97.47	135	81	2020	9	49	101.12	147	78
2018	10	80	101.06	138	85	2020	10	60	100.86	148	77
2018	11	78	102.13	141	86	2020	11	44	99.38	146	76
2018	12	71	101.66	140	85	2020	12	58	96.17	142	73
2018	13	67	100.84	139	84	2020	13	35	93.82	139	71
2018	14	71	100.48	138	84	2020	14	47	86.51	128	65
2018	15	89	98.55	136	82	2020	15	45	89.65	134	68
2018	16	79	105.42	145	88	2020	16	50	91.66	137	69
2018	17	68	110.34	151	93	2020	17	39	92.93	138	70
2018	18	29	111.93	153	94	2020	18	21	95.48	141	73
2018	19	80	116.74	159	99	2020	19	75	95.67	142	72
2018	20	93	117.34	160	99	2020	20	68	98.37	145	75
2018	21	75	121.55	165	103	2020	21	75	108.92	157	85
2018	22	86	131.94	176	113	2020	22	78	111.11	160	87
2018	23	95	134.02	179	115	2020	23	66	110.34	158	86
2018	24	85	131.47	176	112	2020	24	97	108.82	157	85
2018	25	103	129.32	174	110	2020	25	72	102.44	149	79
2018	26	98	123.56	168	105	2020	26	76	101.36	147	78
2018	27	106	125.25	169	107	2020	27	64	97.08	144	73
2018	28	87	122.15	167	103	2020	28	55	93.02	139	70
2018	29	70	116.53	161	97	2020	29	33	86.88	130	65
2018	30	81	111.27	154	93	2020	30	64	87.62	131	65
2018	31	88	114.75	158	96	2020	31	36	90.29	133	68
2018	32	89	119.22	163	100	2020	32	45	93.78	139	71
2018	33	66	123.87	170	104	2020	33	56	92.20	137	69
2018	34	94	120.76	167	101	2020	34	45	88.42	132	66

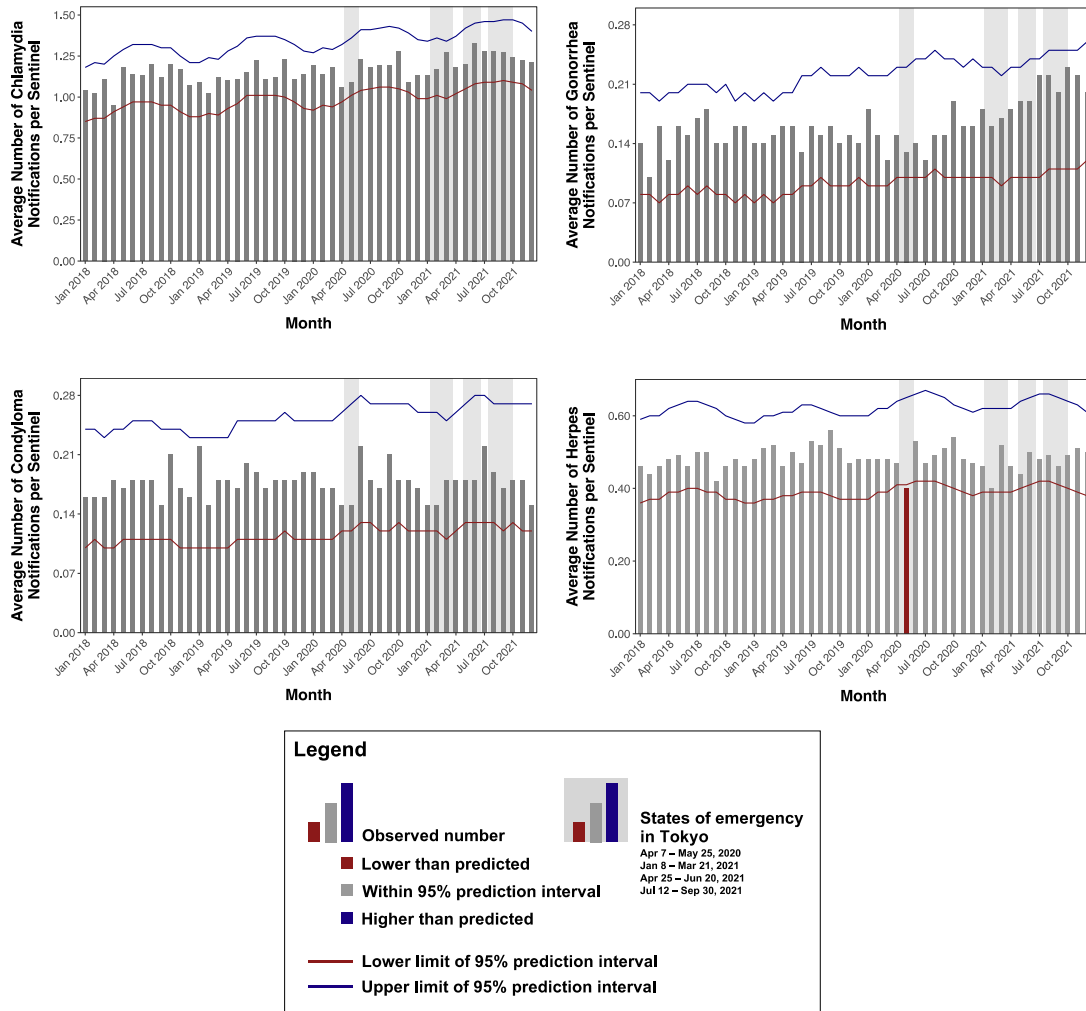
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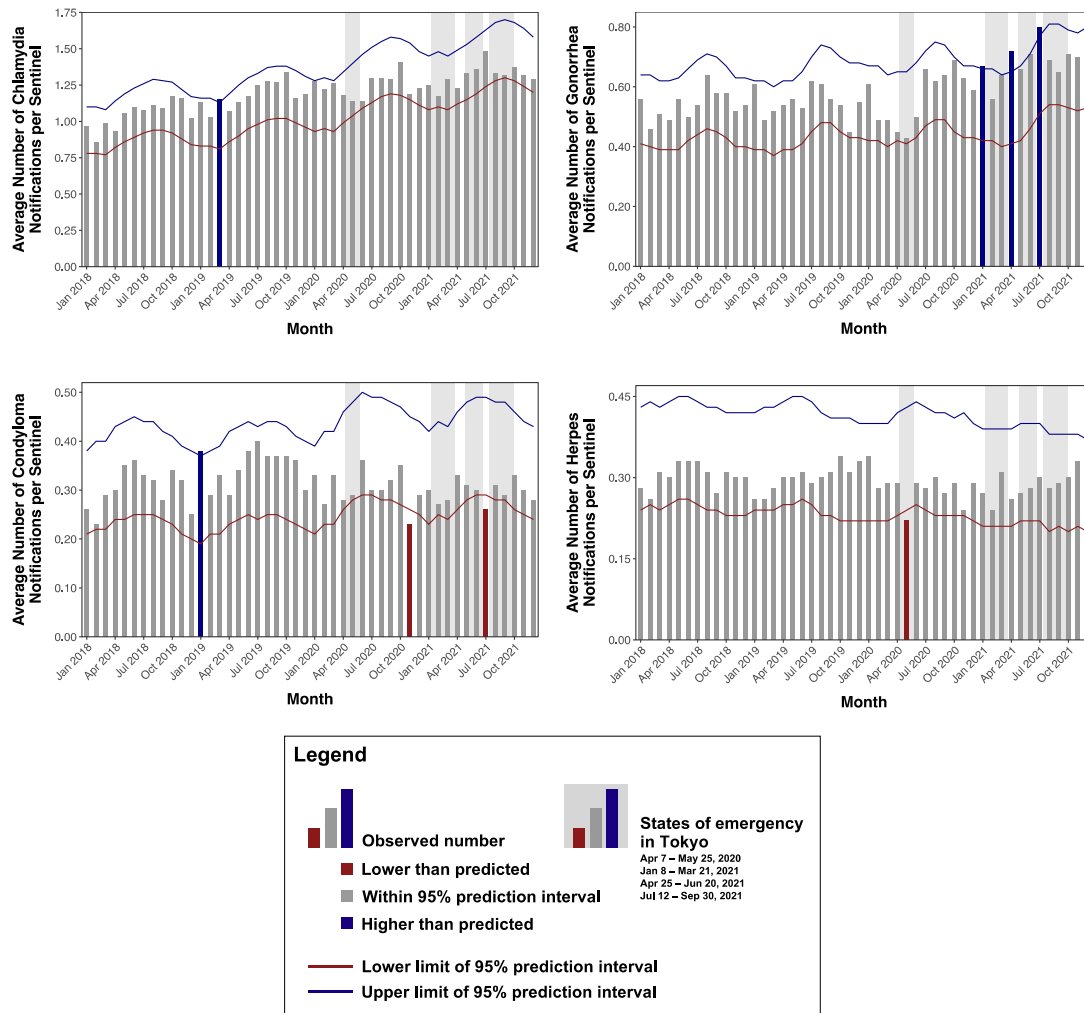
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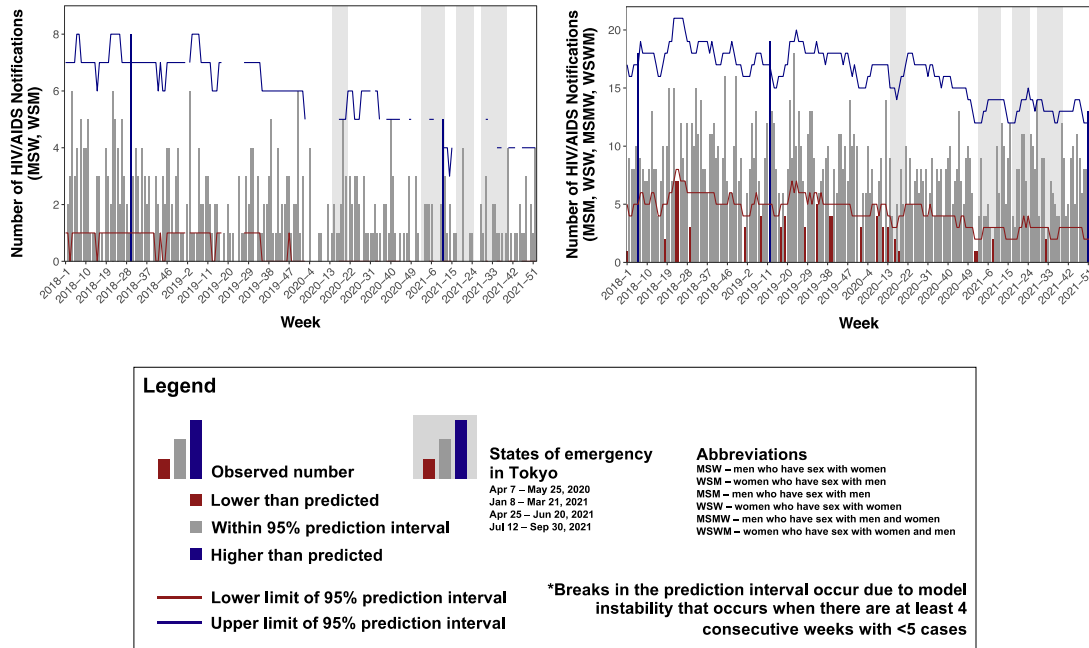
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 206 women only. Parameters: $b = 5$ and $w = 1$.
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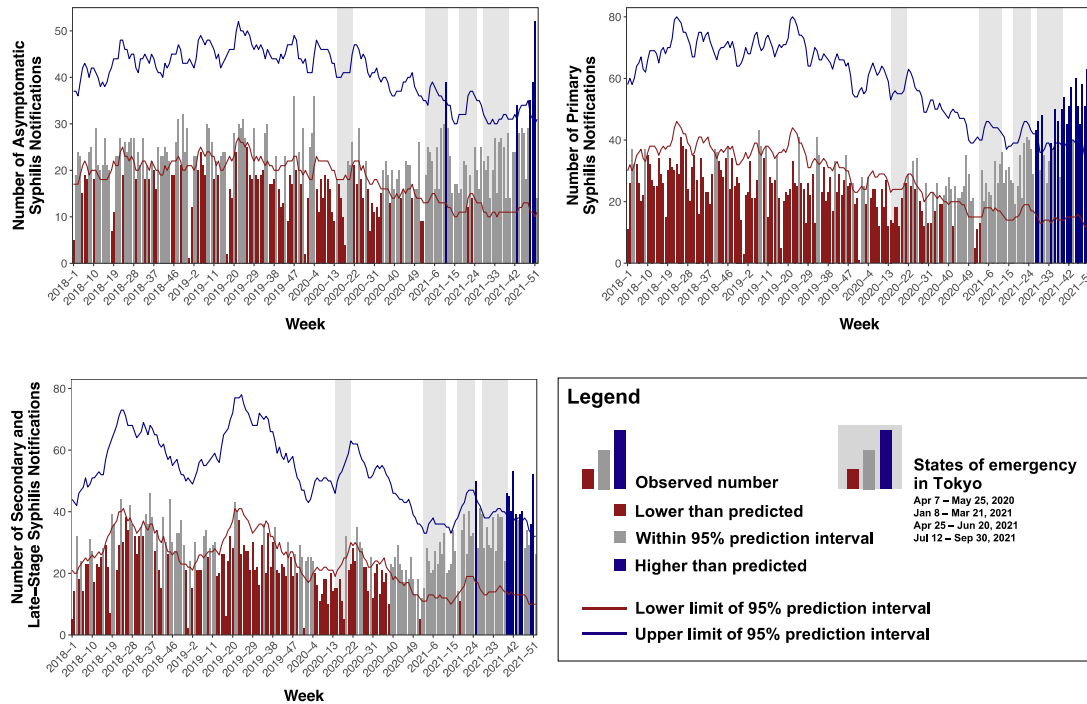
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215 **eFigure 3.** Observed and expected number of HIV/AIDS diagnoses with 95% prediction
 216 intervals, 2018-2021, stratified by sex of sexual partners. Parameters: $b = 5$ and $w = 3$.
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219 **eFigure 4.** Observed and expected number of syphilis diagnoses with 95% prediction
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