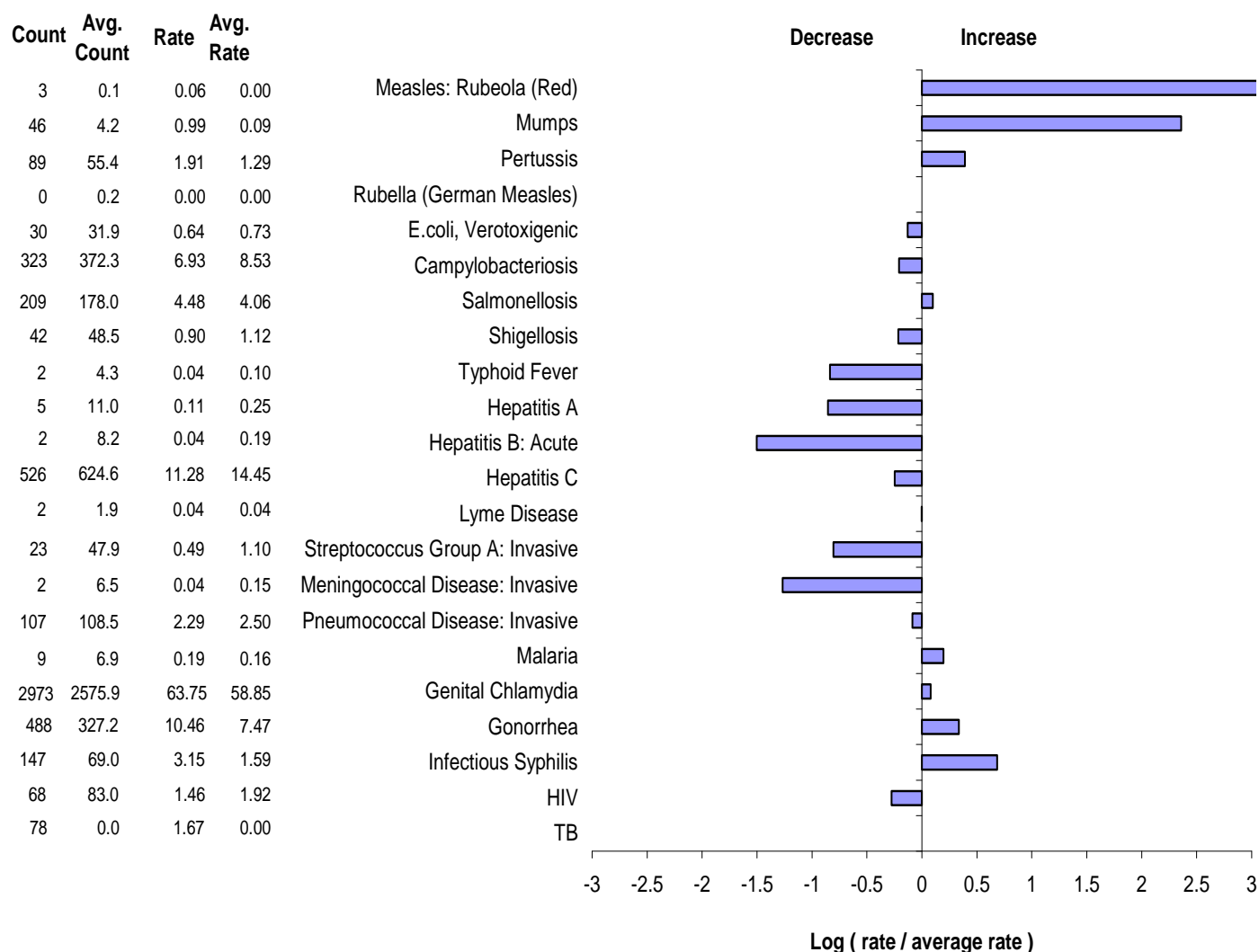


Quarterly Incidence of Selected Communicable Diseases

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Measure:	The ratio (in natural log scale) of the quarterly incidence rate to the average of the same quarter for the past 10 years for selected communicable diseases across British Columbia based on reportable disease notifications to BCCDC from Health Authorities.
Limitations:	These reports are based on passively notified case reports made to local public health authorities. There may be incomplete reporting or delayed reporting. The log ratio does not offer direct interpretation for the magnitude of increase or decrease in incidence rate.
Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ iPHIS (integrated Public Health Information System, Communicable Disease module) and weekly PARIS data uploads for Vancouver Coastal Health Authority ▪ Enhanced Invasive Meningococcal Disease database¹ ▪ Enhanced Invasive Group A Streptococcus database¹ ▪ STI Division for genital Chlamydia, gonorrhea, infectious syphilis and HIV (new positive tests) ▪ TB Division for tuberculosis²

¹ For Streptococcus Group A; Invasive Meningococcal Disease, only data since 2002 were used to calculate the historical rate.

² Tuberculosis data included in this report are lagged by one quarter due to additional time needed for laboratory confirmation of cases and represent the previous quarter.