

OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, JANUARY 2015. This issue of *Oregon Norovirus Watch* includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2014-2015 norovirus season. During January 2015, norovirus outbreaks were uncharacteristically slow with 10 reported outbreaks of which 6/10 (60%) were in Nursing homes/Assisted living facilities. Since August 2014, 23/46 (50%) lab-confirmed and norovirus-like outbreaks occurred in Nursing homes/Assisted living facilities. The most common norovirus genogroup subtype observed this season is GII.6B “Miami” with 7/22 (31%) lab-confirmed outbreaks since August 2014. Subtype GII.4 “Sydney” has been lab-confirmed in 2/22 (9%) outbreaks since August 2014.



Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting, Oregon Aug 2014 – Jan 2015 (n=46)

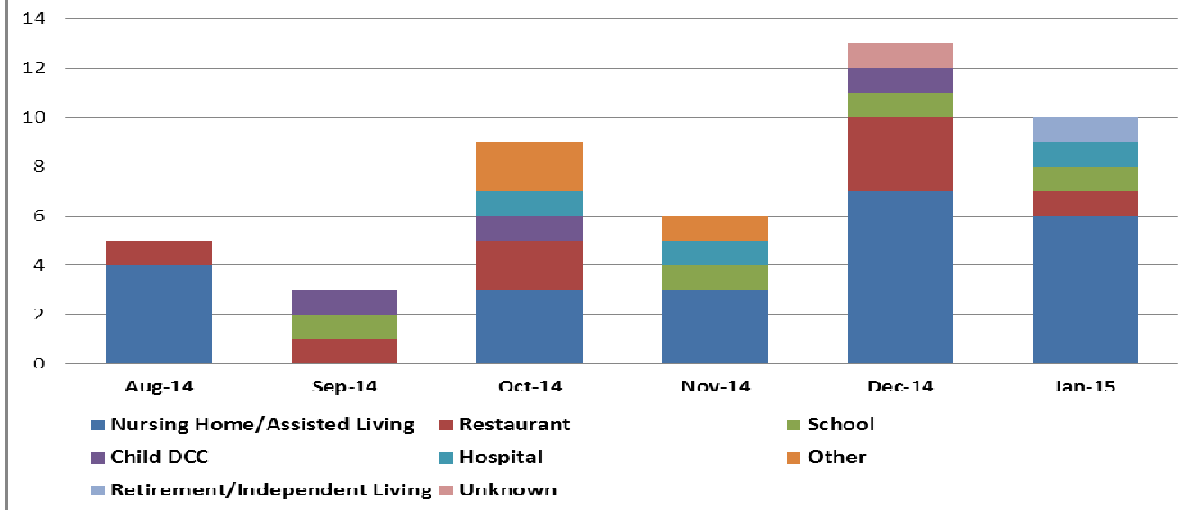
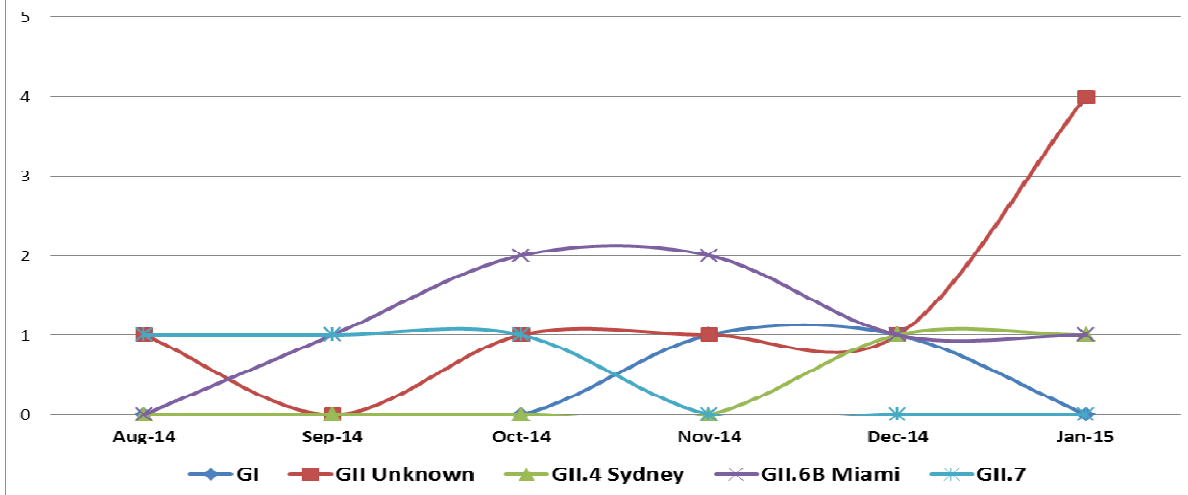


Figure 2. Norovirus genotypes by month, Oregon, Aug. 2014 – Jan. 2014 (n=22)*



*22/46 (48%) specimens have been lab-confirmed

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