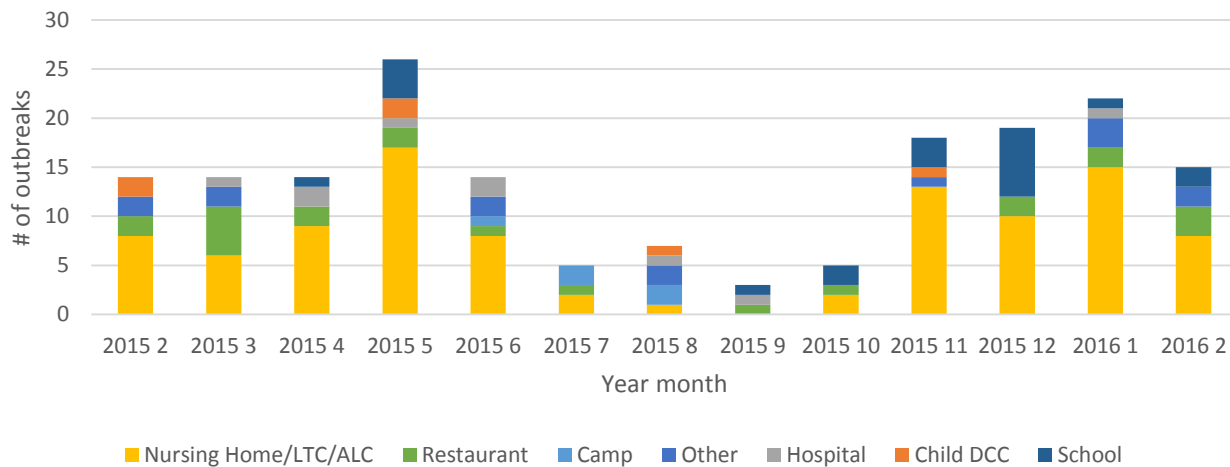


**OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, FEBRUARY 2016.** This issue of *Oregon Norovirus Watch* includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2015–2016 norovirus season. In the Month of February 2016, 15 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 8 (53%) were in nursing homes, 2 (13%) were in schools and 3 (20%) in a restaurant. Since Jan 2015, 99 (56%) of 176 lab-confirmed and norovirus-like outbreaks occurred in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities (Fig. 1). Over the last year, GII.4 Sydney was identified in 43 (54%) of 81 lab-confirmed outbreaks.

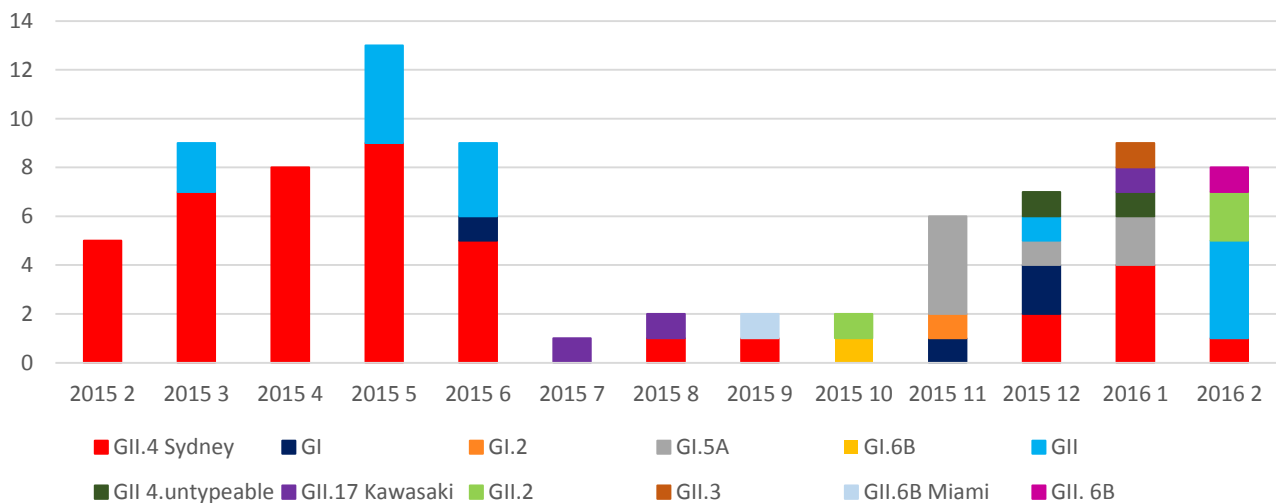


Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting type and month Oregon, Feb 2015-Feb 2016 (n=176)



LTC: long term care ALC Assisted living facility \*"Other" includes hotels, workplaces, private homes, caterers

Figure 2. Laboratory confirmed norovirus by genotypes and month in Oregon, Feb 2015-Feb 2016 (n=81)



\*81 (47%) of 172 suspected norovirus outbreaks have been confirmed by positive lab results from ≥2 patients.

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