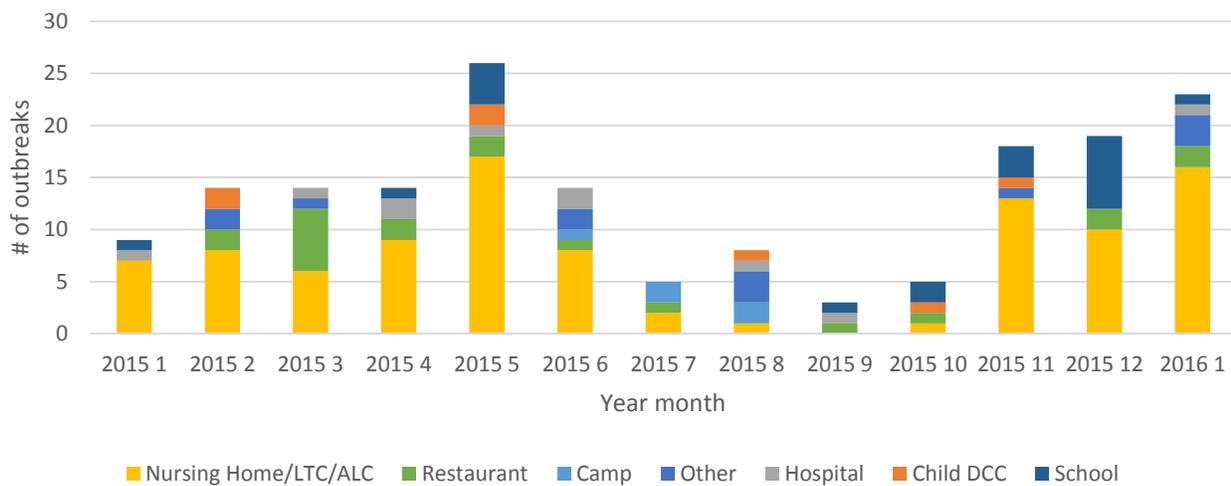


OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, JANUARY 2016. This issue of *Oregon Norovirus Watch* includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2015–2016 norovirus season. In the Month of January 2016, 23 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 16 (70%) were in nursing homes, 1 (4%) were in schools and 2 (9%) in a restaurant. Since Jan 2015, 98 (57%) of 172 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 42 (52%) of 81 lab-confirmed outbreaks. A new strain of norovirus has been identified called GII.17 Kawasaki. (Fig. 2). This could potentially lead to a strain replacement and more outbreaks.

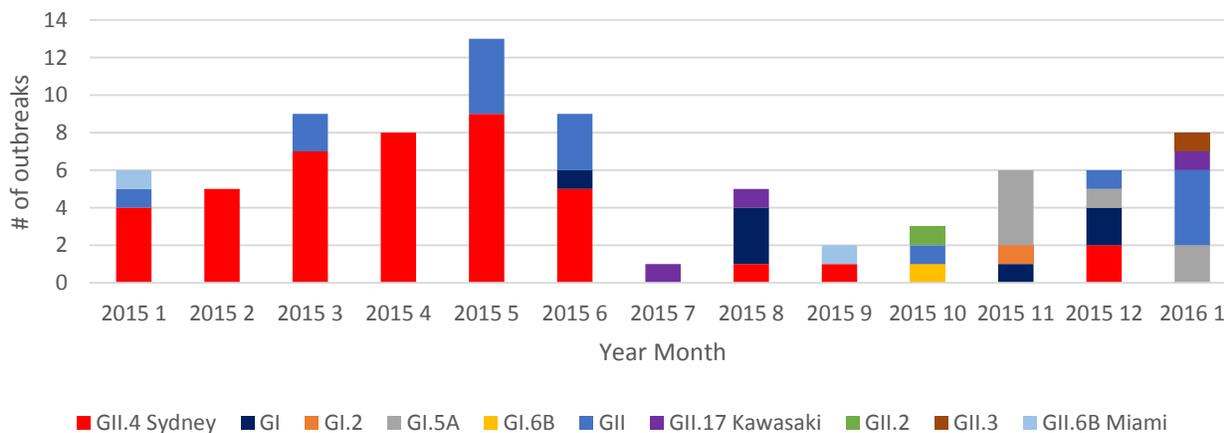


Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting Oregon, Jan 2015-Jan 2016 (n=172)



LTC: long term care ALC Assisted living facility **Other** includes hotels, workplaces, private homes, caterers, dialysis facilities.

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



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

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