OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, DECEMBER 2014. This issue of Oregon Norovirus Watch includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2014-2015 norovirus season. Norovirus outbreaks are starting to slowly increase, with seven suspect norovirus outbreaks reported in long-term care facilities in December. During the 2013–2014 season, norovirus GII.4 “Sydney” was the predominant strain. To date this season, one outbreak is attributed to GII.4 “Sydney.”

Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting, Oregon 2014 (n=129)

Figure 2. Norovirus genotypes by month, Oregon, Aug. 2014 – Dec. 2014

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