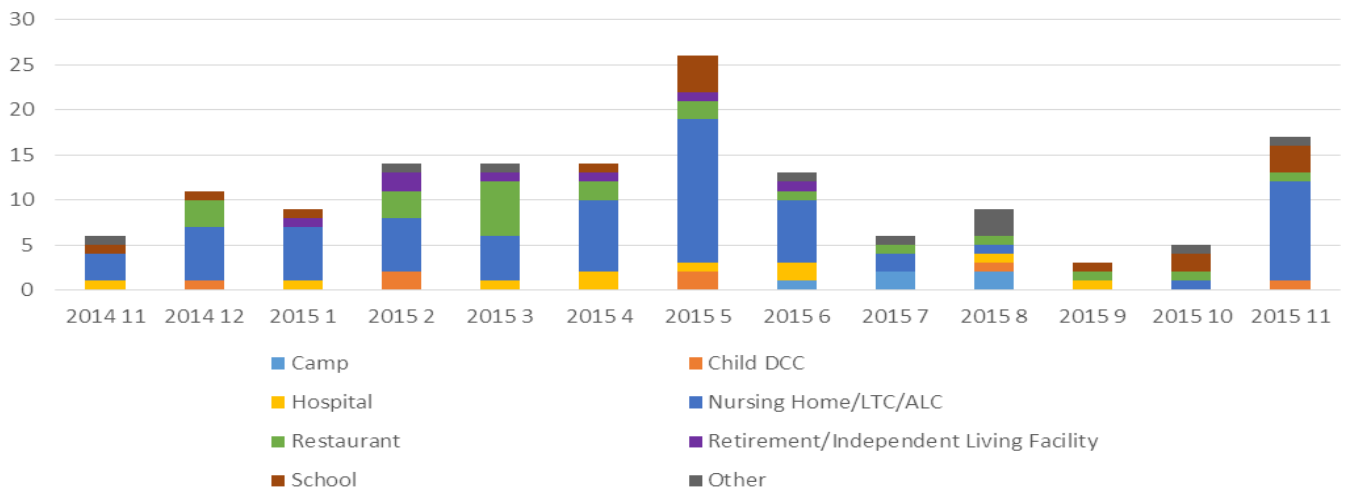


OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, NOVEMBER 2015. This issue of *Oregon Norovirus Watch* includes norovirus outbreak data from the November 2014–November 2015 norovirus season. Since October 2015, 22 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 5 (23%) were in schools, 12 (54%) were in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities, and 2 (9%) were restaurant-associated (see Fig. 1). Over the past year, 79/148 (53%) lab-confirmed and norovirus-like outbreaks occurred in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities. Non-GII.4 strains have been on the rise since July 2015 (Fig. 2), and were identified in 40/62 (64%) lab-confirmed outbreaks.

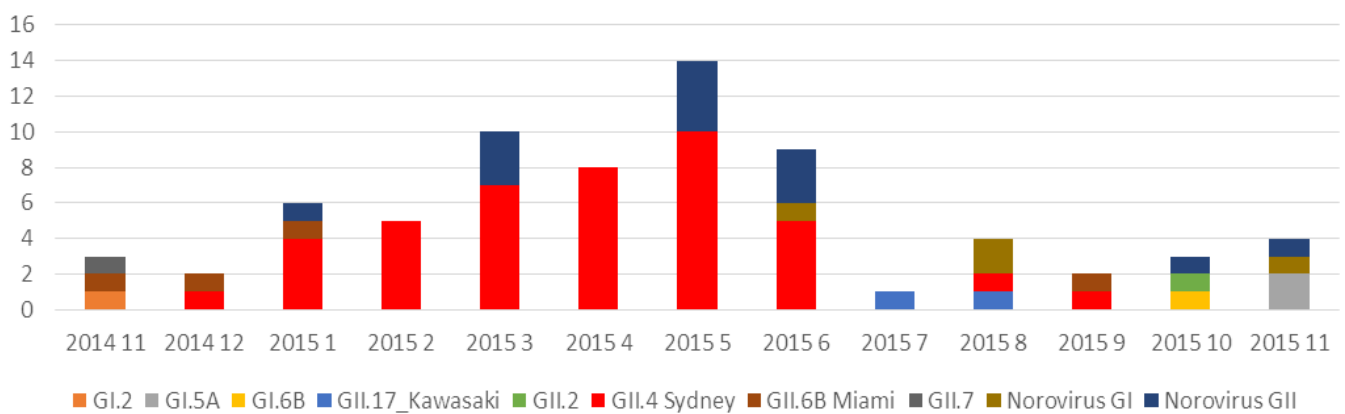


Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting, Oregon, Nov 2014–Nov 2015 (n=148)



*"Other" includes hotels, workplaces, private homes, caterers, dialysis facilities.

Figure 2. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus genotypes by month, Oregon, Nov 2014–Nov 2015 (n=71)



*71/147 (48.0%) suspect norovirus outbreaks have been lab-confirmed thus far.

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