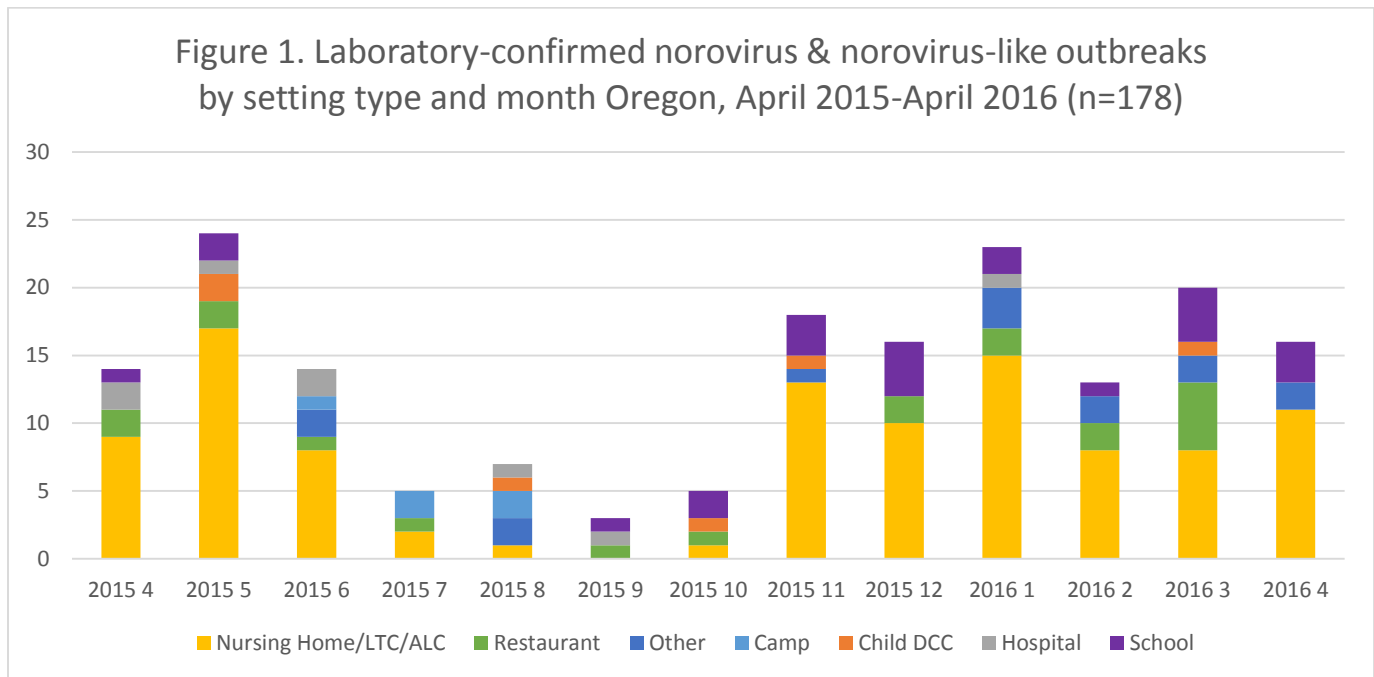


OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, APRIL 2016. This issue of *Oregon Norovirus Watch* includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2015–2016 norovirus season. In the month of April 2016, 16 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 11 (69%) were in nursing homes, 3 (19%) were in schools and 2 (13%) in other settings. Since March 2015, 103 (58%) of 178 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 34 (47%) of 73 lab-confirmed outbreaks. Interestingly, we have seen an increase in GII.2 genotypes since the beginning of 2016.

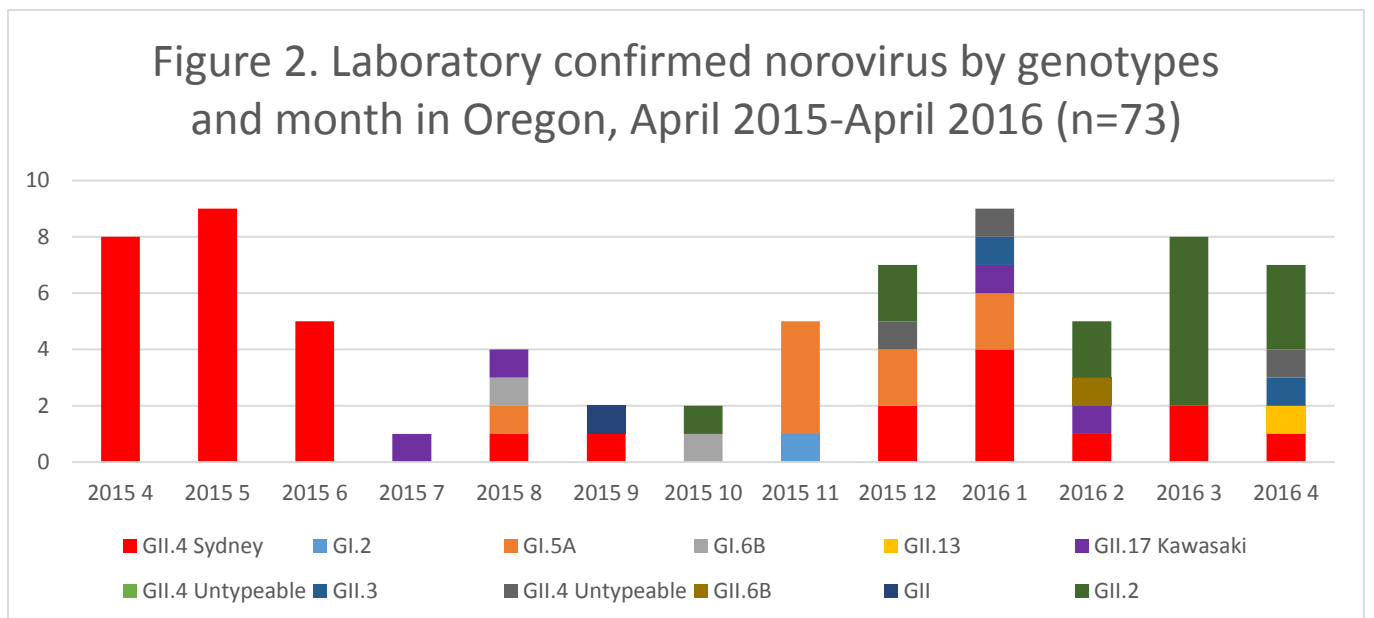


Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting type and month Oregon, April 2015-April 2016 (n=178)



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, April 2015-April 2016 (n=73)



*32 (41%) of 178 suspected norovirus outbreaks have been confirmed by positive lab results from ≥2 patients.

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