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.

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

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