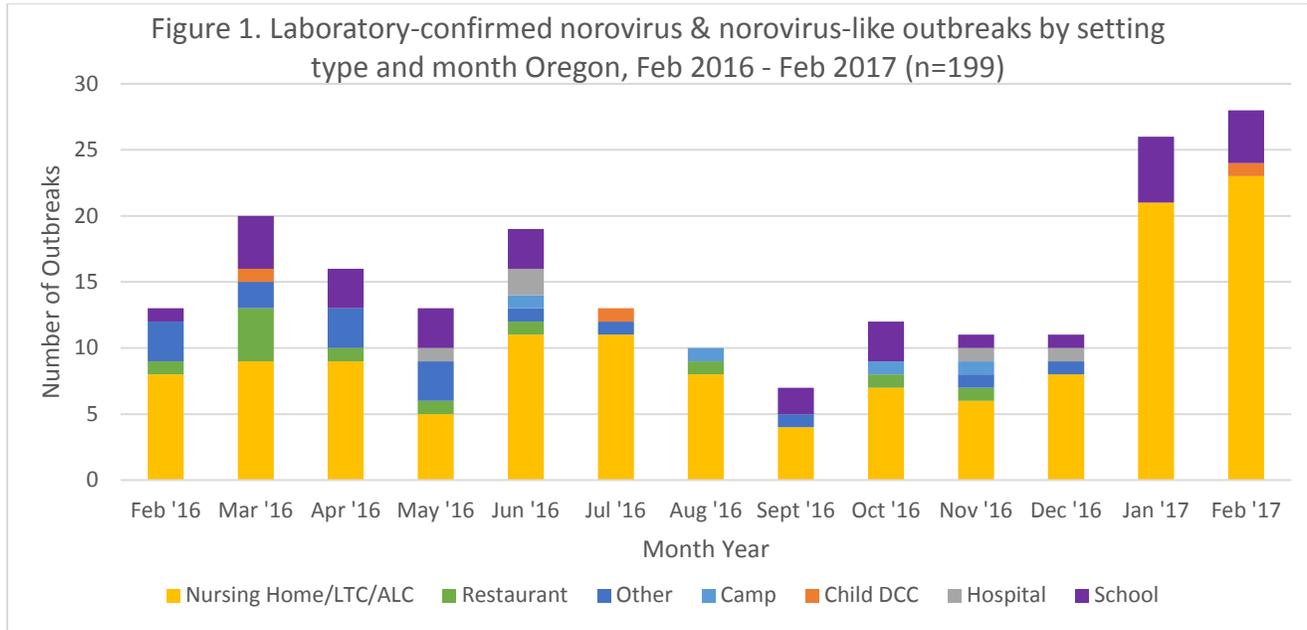


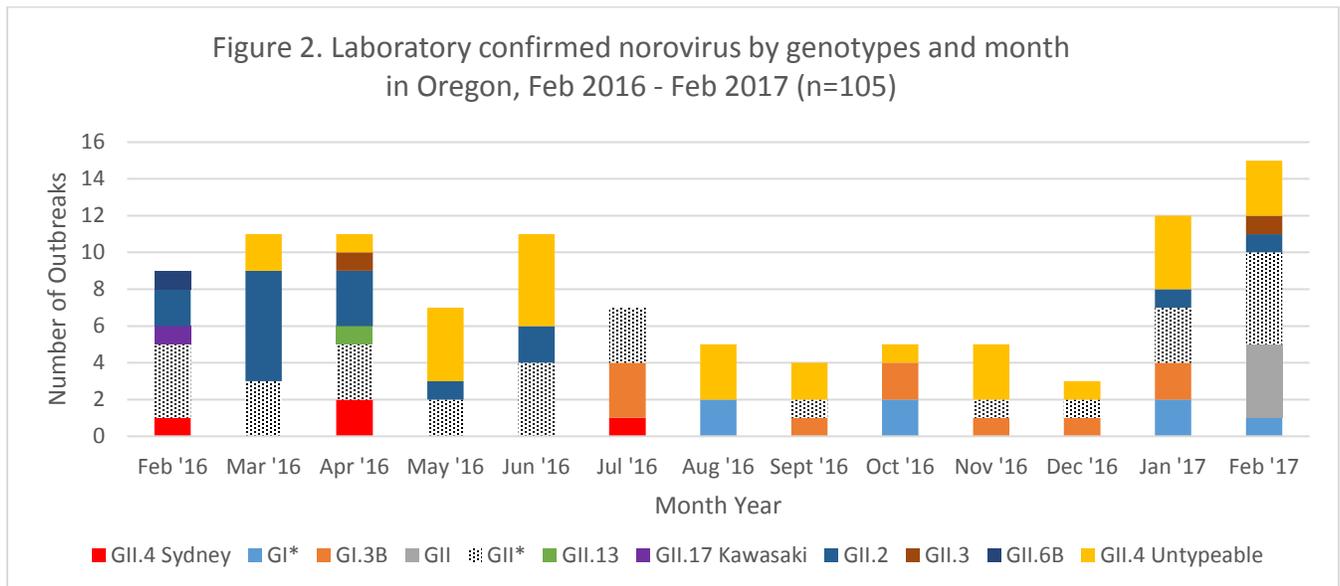
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In the month of February 2017, 28 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 23 (82%) were in nursing homes, 4(14%) were in schools, and 1 (4%) was in a Day care center. Since February 2016, 130 (52%) of 199 lab-confirmed and norovirus-like outbreaks occurred in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities (Fig. 1). Over the last year, GII.4 Sydney was identified in 4 (4%) of 105 lab-confirmed outbreaks. We continue to see the number of non GII.4 Sydney strains outbreaks increase and have seen a marked increase in GII.4 Untypeable (Fig 2).



LTC: long term care, ALC: Assisted living facility, DCC: Day Care Center, "Other": includes hotels, workplaces, private homes, caterers



105 (53%) of 199 suspected norovirus outbreaks have been confirmed by positive lab results from ≥ 2 patients. GI and GII* denote outbreaks that only had 1 positive sample

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