OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, JULY 2016. This issue of Oregon Norovirus Watch includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2015–2016 norovirus season. In the month of July 2016, 13 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 9 (69%) were in nursing homes, 2 (15%) were in restaurants and 2 (15%) in other settings. Since June 2015, 87 (51%) of 171 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 12 (16%) of 75 lab-confirmed outbreaks. The number of outbreaks with cases positive for norovirus GII.4 Sydney continues to decrease (Fig. 2).

Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting type and month Oregon, July 2015 - July 2016 (n=171)

Figure 2. Laboratory confirmed norovirus by genotypes and month in Oregon, July 2015 - July 2016 (n=75)

LTC: long term care  ALC: Assisted living facility  **“Other” includes hotels, workplaces, private homes, caterers

*75 (44%) of 171 suspected norovirus outbreaks have been confirmed by positive lab results from ≥2 patients. GII*/GII*: tested at private laboratories

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