OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, MARCH 2016. This issue of Oregon Norovirus Watch includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2015–2016 norovirus season. In the month of March 2016, 23 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 10 (43%) were in nursing homes, 4 (17%) were in schools and 5 (22%) in a restaurant. Since March 2015, 100 (56%) 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 38 (53%) of 72 lab-confirmed outbreaks.

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

*72 (40%) of 178 suspected norovirus outbreaks have been confirmed by positive lab results from ≥2 patients.

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