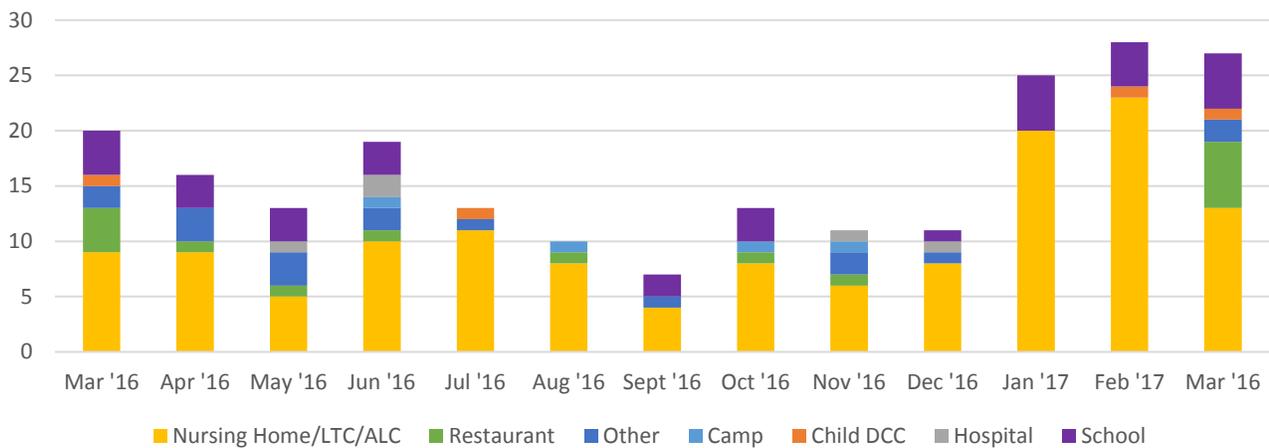


**OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, MARCH 2017.** This issue of *Oregon Norovirus Watch* includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2016–2017 norovirus season. In the month of March 2017, 27 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 13 (48%) were in nursing homes, 5 (19%) were in schools, 6 (22%) were in restaurants, 2 (7%) were in other settings, and 1 (4%) was in a day care center. Since March 2016, 134 (63%) of 213 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 3 (3%) of 117 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 over the past year (32%, Fig 2).

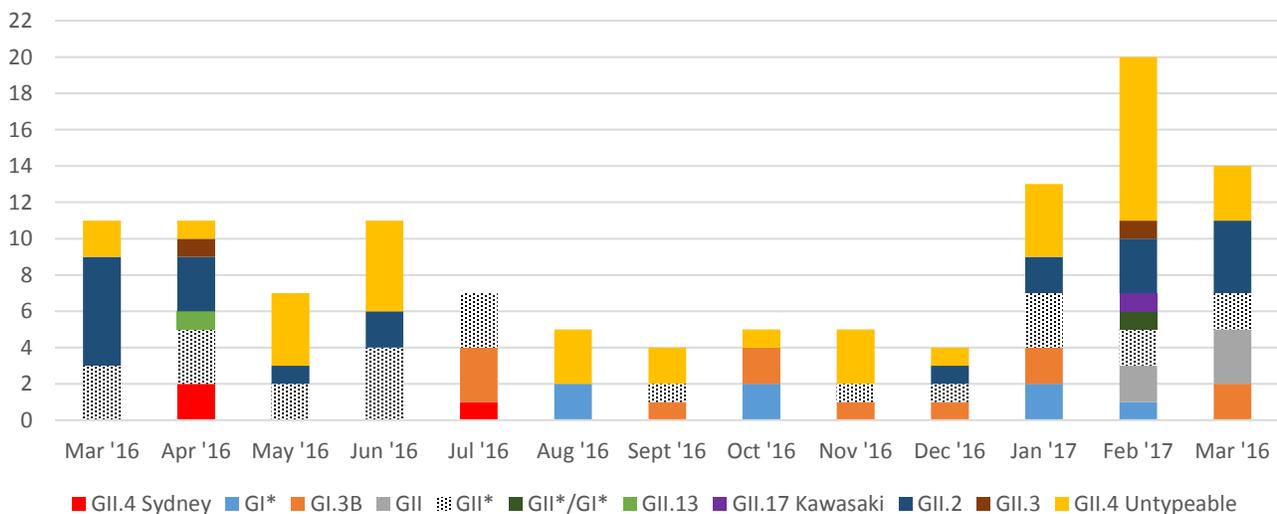


Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting type and month Oregon, Mar 2016 - Mar 2017 (n=213)



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

Figure 2. Laboratory confirmed norovirus by genotypes and month in Oregon, Mar 2016 - Mar 2017 (n=117)



\*17 (213%) 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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