**OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, NOVEMBER 2016.** This issue of Oregon Norovirus Watch includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2015–2016 norovirus season. In the month of November 2016, 11 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 7 (58%) were in nursing homes, 1 (8%) were in restaurants, 1 (8%) were in a camp, and 3 (25%) in other settings. Since November 2015, 117 (60%) of 195 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 10 (7%) of 104 lab-confirmed outbreaks. We continue to see the number of GII.4 Sydney norovirus outbreaks decrease and the number of other GII strains outbreaks increase (Fig. 2).

**Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting type and month Oregon, Nov 2015- Nov 2016 (n=195)**

![Graph showing norovirus outbreaks by setting and month from November 2015 to November 2016. 117 lab-confirmed outbreaks occurred in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities, accounting for 60% of 195 outbreaks. GII.4 Sydney was identified in 10 (7%) of 104 lab-confirmed outbreaks.]

**Figure 2. Laboratory confirmed norovirus by genotypes and month in Oregon, Nov 2015 - Nov 2016 (n=104)**

![Graph showing norovirus outbreaks by genotype and month from November 2015 to November 2016. Outbreaks are categorized by genotype and highlighted by month.]

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

*104 (53%) of 195 suspected norovirus outbreaks have been confirmed by positive lab results from ≥2 patients. GII* and GII* denote outbreaks that only had 1 positive sample

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