Oregon Norovirus Watch, March 2018. This issue of Oregon Norovirus Watch includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2017–2018 norovirus season. During March 2018, 12 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 11 (92%) were in nursing homes, and 1 (8%) was in a hospital. Since March 2017, most reported norovirus and noro-like outbreaks have occurred in long-term care facilities (n=114, 64%, Fig. 1). Norovirus or noro-like outbreaks were reported in 22 (12%) schools, 8 (4%) restaurants, and 10 (6%) child day-care centers (Fig. 1). Many of the confirmed norovirus outbreaks reported since January 2017 have been caused by strains within the GII genogroup (Fig 2, n=85, 88%); 44 (45%) of the GII outbreak strains were typed as GII.4 Sydney.

*97 (54%) of 179 suspected norovirus outbreaks have been confirmed by positive lab results from ≥2 patients. GI* and GII* denote outbreaks that only had 1 positive sample.