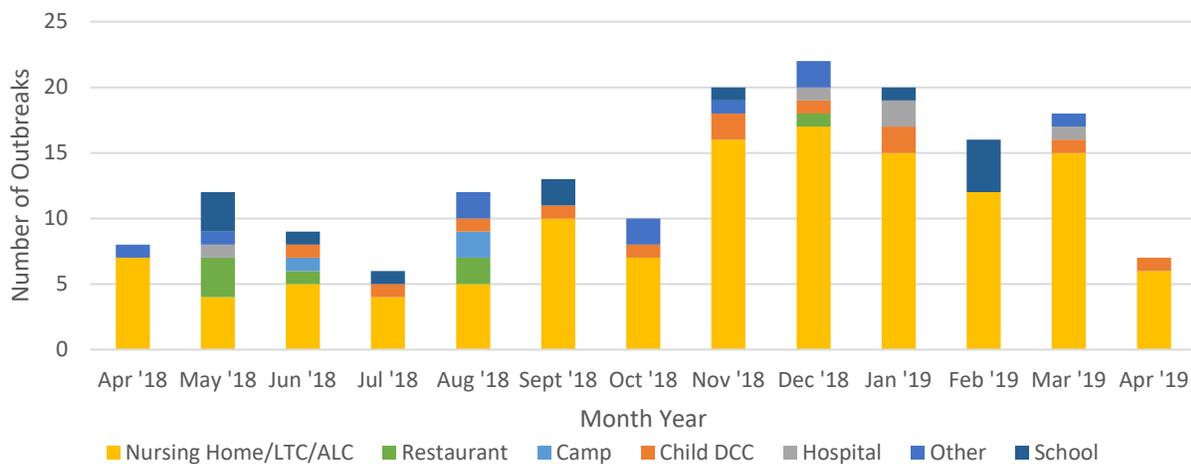


OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, APRIL 2019. This issue of *Oregon Norovirus Watch* includes norovirus outbreak data from April 2018 through April 2019. There was a sharp decrease in the number of reported norovirus or noro-like outbreaks in April 2019. A total of 7 outbreaks were reported; 6 (86%) occurred in nursing homes, and 1 (14%) in a day care center. Since April 2018, most reported norovirus and noro-like outbreaks have been in long-term care facilities (n=123, 71%, Fig. 1). Norovirus or noro-like outbreaks were reported in 13 (8%) schools, 12 (7%) child day-care centers, and 7 (4%) restaurants (Fig. 1) during the same time period. Most of the 58 confirmed norovirus outbreaks reported since April 2018 were caused by strains within the GII genogroup (Fig 2, n=50, 86%); most GII outbreak strains were typed as GII.4 Sydney (n=29, 58%).



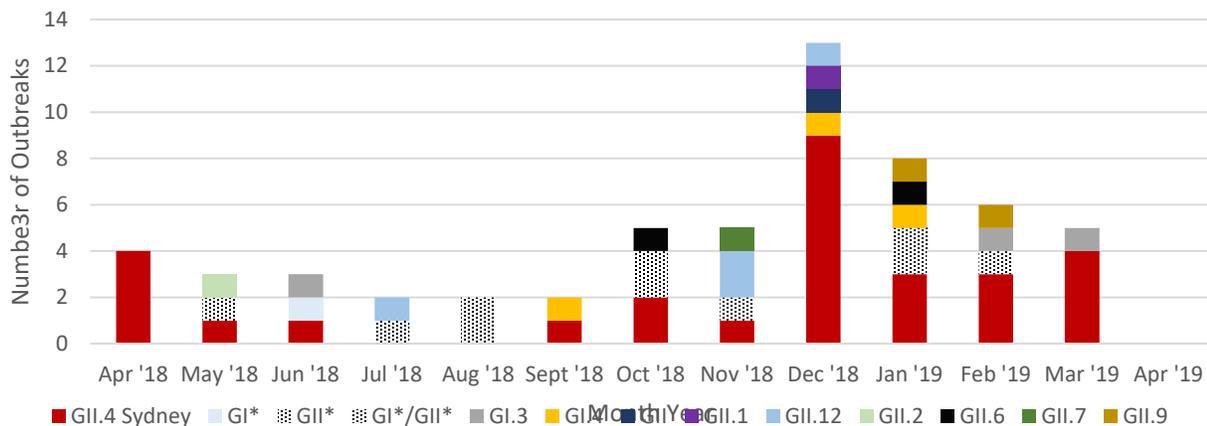
This will be the last Norovirus report.

Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting type and month Oregon, April 2018- April 2019 (n=173)



LTC: long term care, ALC: Assisted living facility, DCC: Day Care Center, Other: includes religious facility, private homes, jail, outpatient clinic, workplace

Figure 2. Laboratory confirmed norovirus by genotypes and month in Oregon, April 2018 - April 2019 (n=58)



58 (33.5%) of 173 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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