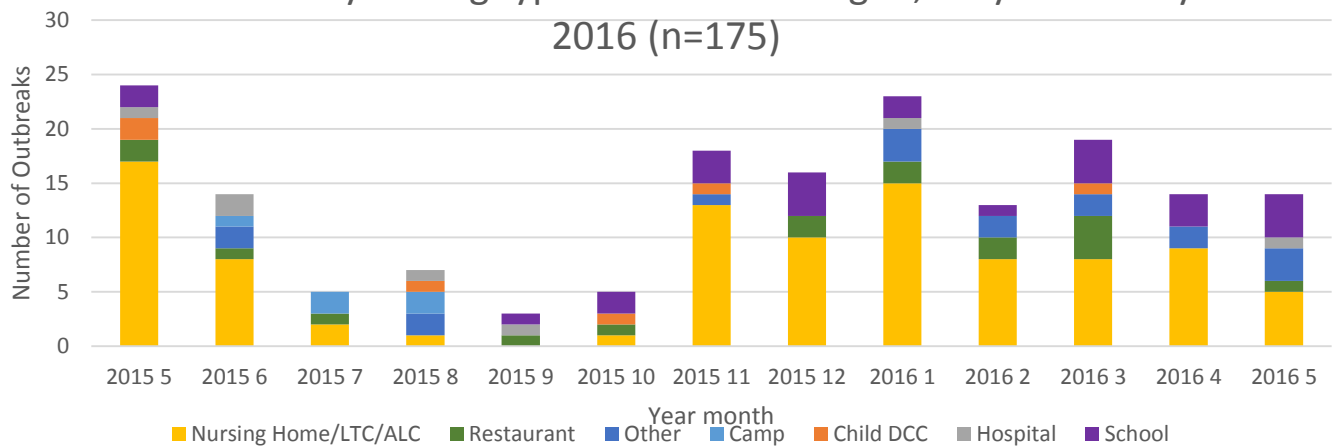


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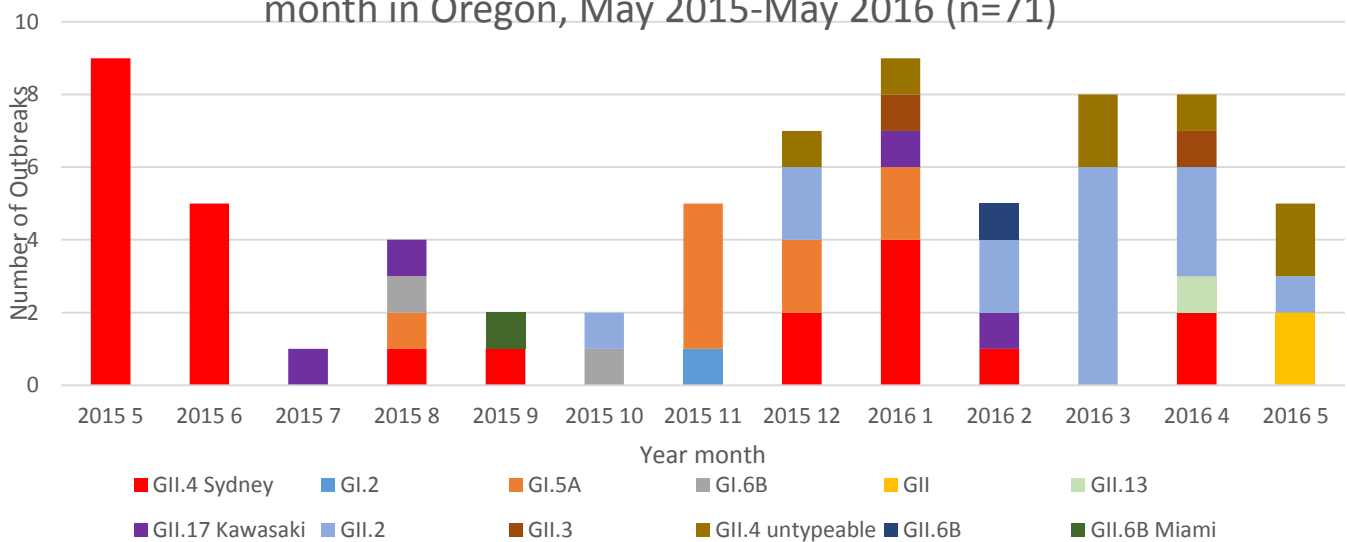
In the month of May 2016, 14 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 5 (26%) were in nursing homes, 4 (29%) were in schools and 5 (26%) in other settings. Since May 2015, 97 (57%) of 171 lab-confirmed and norovirus-like outbreaks occurred in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities (Fig. 1). Over the last year, GII.4 Sydney was identified in 25 (35%) of 71 lab-confirmed outbreaks. The number of outbreaks with cases positive for norovirus GII.4 Sydney continues to decrease. Interestingly, we have seen an increase in GII.2 genotypes since the beginning of 2016.

Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting type and month Oregon, May 2015-May 2016 (n=175)



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

Figure 2. Laboratory confirmed norovirus by genotypes and month in Oregon, May 2015-May 2016 (n=71)



*71 (42%) of 171 suspected norovirus outbreaks have been confirmed by positive lab results from ≥2 patients.

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