

Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) Advisory - Englehart

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The Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) has been informed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) that a poultry flock experiencing chronic respiratory conditions, had tested positive for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT). A map to the 10km buffered biosecurity advisory area can be found [HERE](#).

ILT is a serious contagious disease caused by a respiratory virus primarily in chickens. Signs to watch out for include increased mortality, noisy breathing, head-shaking, off feed, decreased egg production, inactivity, ruffled feathers and conjunctivitis. Should you suspect any signs of health concerns in your flock, please contact your veterinarian. For after hours, call 1-877-SOS-BYRD. For more information, refer the [ILT factsheet](#).

As a reminder, with highly pathogenic avian influenza prevalent in the province, the following heightened biosecurity protocols should be implemented on-farm:

- Keep poultry away from areas frequented by wild birds and wild bird droppings.
- Maintain strict control over access to poultry houses and your premises.
- Make sure equipment is cleaned and disinfected before taking it into poultry houses.
- Do not keep bird feeders or create duck ponds close to poultry houses.
- Maintain the highest sanitation standards.
- Change footwear and prevent wearing contaminated clothing when entering the poultry house.
- Control access to your farm site by communicating the situation to all essential visitors, including service providers, input suppliers and feed providers.
- Keep mortalities in secure, covered containers until they are moved to the disposal area or transported off-farm.
- Place waste entering the public collection system in a sealed, waterproof bag with the exterior disinfected.
- If possible, keep all waste on-farm until the situation is resolved.

All service providers are asked to continue to minimize and sequence all travel in the area. For essential visits to premises where poultry is grown, please ensure you are following heightened biosecurity measures.

We anticipate this advisory to remain in place until early June.

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