

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) BIOSECURITY ADVISORY Municipality of West Elgin

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The Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing a Biosecurity Advisory for a 10 km area in [West Elgin in southwest Ontario](#).

FBCC has been made aware that a small layer flock experiencing chronic respiratory conditions, has tested positive for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT). Eight commercial flocks and 73 small flocks are located in the Biosecurity Advisory Area.

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 as well as your Board.** For after hours, call 1-877-SOS-BYRD.

Farmers should avoid all contact with non commercial poultry, reinforce your biosecurity protocols by limiting farm visitors to providers of critical services only, monitor the movement of birds, people and equipment on to and off of your premises, enforce strict biosecurity practices, minimize visits to other poultry production sites, avoid exchanging equipment with other poultry production sites or ensure that it is washed and disinfected. Ensure all personnel in contact with birds wear clean boots, protective suits, head coverings and gloves/handwashing. Ensure adequate control of vermin and wild birds.

If you are providing service to poultry farmers in this area, please minimize and properly sequence any necessary travel in the area. For essential visits to premises where poultry is grown, apply the following recommended biosecurity measures: wearing clean boots, protective suits, hats and gloves/hand washing. All deliveries or loading in this Advisory Area should be last on the route. Wash and disinfect the truck's undercarriage and steps before proceeding with any other delivery/loading. Where possible, after being in the area, please try to avoid going to another farm outside the area within 12 hours.

Further [Biosecurity information](#) for small flock growers is available from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. We anticipate this advisory to remain in place until end of July.

As a reminder, with highly pathogenic avian influenza still prevalent in the province, the following additional [heightened biosecurity protocols](#) should be in place at all poultry farms.



Previous ILT Biosecurity Advisories established for areas in [Oxford County](#) and [Englehart](#) have been recently lifted.

Please consider [registering](#) for access to the FBCC website for detailed information on local and global federally reportable and provincially notifiable poultry diseases. If you wish to subscribe to FBCC Disease Alerts, please [sign up](#).

