

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) BIOSECURITY ADVISORY Brant County

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On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing an Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) Biosecurity Advisory for a 10 km area in Brant County, outlined in [this biosecurity advisory map](#).

FBCC has been alerted that poultry originating from a small flock have tested positive for ILT. FBCC, in conjunction with feather board representatives, will be contacting all commercial farmers and identified small flock growers in the described area. Please reinforce your biosecurity protocols if working with any poultry or other avian species or if traveling through this area.

ILT is a serious contagious disease caused by a respiratory virus and is seen 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 representative.**

Farmers should avoid all contact with non-commercial poultry and all other birds, 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 or who enter the production sites wear clean boots, protective suits, head coverings and gloves and that they practice proper cleaning and disinfection before and after visiting including 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 late February. A stand down advisory will be issued at that time. Any updates will be issued through www.fbcc.ca.

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.

