

## **INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) DISEASE: FARMER ADVISORY**

### **Elgin County**

**April 24, 2019**

On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing an ILT Disease Biosecurity Advisory to all poultry farmers and small flock growers in the eastern portion of Elgin county near Aylmer.

FBCC has been alerted by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) that a small chicken flock within the eastern part of Elgin County has tested positive for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT). OMAFRA staff are assisting the flock veterinarian in ensuring proper biosecurity and disease control measures are implemented.

Please reinforce your biosecurity protocols including monitoring the movement of birds, people and equipment onto and off of your farm in the interest of flock health. ILT is a serious contagious disease caused by a respiratory virus primarily in laying hens and chickens. Signs to look 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.**

Please advise any visitors to your premises of your biosecurity protocols because of this situation and keep a logbook of movement in relation to your farm. 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 boots, protective suits, head coverings and gloves/handwashing. Ensure adequate control of vermin and wild birds.

Further biosecurity information for small flock growers is available at <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/bird-health-basics/eng/1323643634523/1323644740109>

We anticipate this this Biosecurity Advisory Area to be maintained until late May. A stand down advisory will be considered at that time. A map, resource materials and any updates are accessible through [www.fbcc.ca](http://www.fbcc.ca)

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