

## **INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) BIOSECURITY ADVISORY** **City of Hamilton**

**September 9, 2021**

On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing a Biosecurity Advisory for an [area in southeastern Hamilton](#).

FBCC has been informed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) that a 200-bird chicken flock with 25% mortality has tested positive for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT). The flock is in the Mount Hope area. There are 147 registered small flock growers, 5 commercial poultry farms and a broker dealer in the 10 km radius Advisory Area.

ILT is a serious contagious disease caused by a respiratory virus primarily in laying hens and 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.

Please reinforce your biosecurity protocols including monitoring the movement of birds, people and equipment on to and off of your premises in the interest of flock health. 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 premises. 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.

OMAFRA has posted an [Update on ILT in Ontario- Understanding the Risks of Infection in Poultry](#). This is a very relevant and timely source of information for small flock owners trying to avoid this disease. 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 September.

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