

## **INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) BIOSECURITY ADVISORY** **Kawartha Lakes**

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On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing a Biosecurity Advisory to commercial poultry farmers and small flock growers in a 10 km radius area northeast of Lake Simcoe in Kawartha Lakes County.

FBCC has been informed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) that a small chicken flock (registered Family Food Grower) has tested positive for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT). The Biosecurity Advisory Area includes the northwest corner of Kawartha Lakes County and north east corner of Simcoe County, south of the Muskoka regional boundary.

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 recently released: [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 June. A stand down advisory will be issued at that time. **Please consider [registering](#) for access to the FBCC website for detailed information on local and global federally reportable and provincially notifiable poultry diseases.**

