

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) BIOSECURITY ADVISORY (Update #1) Niagara Region

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On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing an update to the [Dec. 1 ILT Disease Biosecurity Advisory](#) to all poultry farmers and small flock growers within an expanded Area near Smithville in Niagara Region. [See new map.](#)

On Dec. 11, Infectious Laryngotracheitis was diagnosed in a **second broiler chicken farm** within 700 m south east of the first farm. This 19992-bird flock of 51 days of age experienced increased mortality during last day prior to shipping for processing. No respiratory signs were reported. Cleaning, disinfection, and heat treatment have been completed. The farm is in self quarantine and working closely with their veterinarian. Plans are to vaccinate the next crop of chicks at the hatchery. The Biosecurity Advisory Area has been expanded eastward to reflect this situation.

All birds on the first farm have been shipped for processing, and cleanup/fallow is underway. The next crops of chicks are being vaccinated at the hatchery.

However, experience tells us there may still be active virus in the area. This highly contagious virus can survive in litter and on equipment and can be spread through dust particles in the air. The incubation period can be up to two weeks before clinical signs appear.

As your farm is within the biosecurity advisory area, we recommend that you remain vigilant in following the enhanced biosecurity procedures outlined in the original [Advisory](#) that are in effect. Notify your vet and the Board immediately if you experience increase mortality or see abnormal clinical signs.

To protect your incoming broiler chicks, we recommend that you consult with your veterinarian and hatchery immediately regarding the possibility of in-hatchery ILT vaccination for your next placement.

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>.

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