

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) PRODUCER BIOSECURITY ADVISORY Peterborough County

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On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) has issued an ILT Biosecurity Advisory for an area southeast of Peterborough.

FBCC has been informed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) that on April 7, ILT was diagnosed in a small mixed poultry flock where a few birds had died, and some others showed respiratory distress. Flock is under veterinary oversight.

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, headshaking, 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.

Small flock growers in the area should reinforce biosecurity protocols including monitoring the movement of birds, people, and equipment on to, and off of 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.

Currently there are 3 other ILT Advisories in place: Niagara west, SDG and Renfrew. See [FBCC April 5 ILT Update](#) for more information. In addition, OMAFRA has just released: [Update on ILT in Ontario- Understanding the Risks of Infection in Poultry](#). This is a very relevant and timely source of information for anyone with poultry.

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