

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) BIOSECURITY ADVISORY **Flamborough, City of Hamilton, Ontario**

May 7, 2020

On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing an ILT Biosecurity Advisory to all commercial poultry farmers and small flock growers in northwestern portion of Flamborough in the City of Hamilton. **The Biosecurity Advisory Area is within the road boundaries of Hwy 401 on the north, Highway 6 on the east, Safari Road on the south and Highway 35/Village Rd/Sheffield Road on the west.** *It should be noted this area is adjacent to the Biosecurity Advisory area established in western Puslinch on May 3.* <https://www.fbcc.ca/ilt-hamilton/public-map>

FBCC has been alerted by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) that a small, non-commercial chicken flock in the City of Hamilton has tested positive for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT). Since this premise is unregistered, no precise geographic location or other information is available.

Please reinforce your biosecurity protocols including monitoring the movement of birds, people and equipment on to 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 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 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 clean boots, protective suits, head coverings and gloves/handwashing. Ensure adequate control of vermin and wild birds.

Small flock growers should avoid introducing disease to their flocks. New birds should be segregated and monitored for at least 30 days before entering your existing flock. Make sure that new birds come from reputable suppliers that have strict disease controls in place. Birds returning from shows or exhibits should also be segregated for at least two weeks.

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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We anticipate this advisory to remain in place until at least end of June. A stand down advisory will be issued at that time. Any updates will be provided posted on www.fbcc.ca

