

HEIGHTENED BIOSECURITY STAND DOWN

Grey County

Re: FARMER NOTIFICATION - ILT DISEASE ADVISORY May 8, 2017

June 14, 2017

On behalf of Ontario's four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre wishes to announce that the May 8 heightened biosecurity ILT advisory that was issued to poultry farmers and small flock growers in Grey County has now been lifted.

Normal biosecurity levels can be restored.

Migratory waterfowl continue to contribute to the spread of avian influenza globally. The serious North American AI outbreaks in 2014/15, the recent widespread outbreaks across Europe and Asia as well as the previous incidents in south-eastern United States demonstrate the very real risk to the health of our commercial poultry and small flocks when there is a breach in biosecurity.

Avian influenza spreads when wild birds, people, vehicles and equipment carrying viruses come into contact with commercial/small flocks. All farmers should regularly monitor their biosecurity plans to stop disease from flying, walking or rolling into their flocks. In the interest of biosecurity, you should be diligent in keeping track of who enters your barn and be aware of who comes onto and leaves your property. Please have any visitors who enter your barn sign your visitor logbook and make sure to maintain boot, clothing, glove biosecurity and hand washing protocols.

Farmers should continue to be very diligent in observing their flocks, monitoring mortalities and tracking feed and water consumption. If you suspect any signs of infectious disease, please contact your veterinarian and board immediately.

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