

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) BIOSECURITY ADVISORY (Update #2 – Niagara Region)

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

On Dec. 16, Infectious Laryngotracheitis was diagnosed in a **third broiler chicken farm** adjacent to the index farm premises. The owners of all 3 infected premises in this cluster experienced increased mortality just before shipping. All farmers continue to self-quarantine and are working closely with their veterinarians to complete appropriate in barn heating of litter, cleaning, disinfection and fallow procedures. The next 2 crops of chicks are being vaccinated to help eradicate and prevent spread of this disease.

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. Please exercise caution. **To protect your incoming broiler chicks, we recommend that you consult with your veterinarian to ensure appropriate preventive measures are in place,**

Fortunately, this virus is not transmissible to humans or to other mammals and the chicken is safe to eat. Consumers can be assured that Ontario poultry farmers follow world-leading bio-security protocols.

Chicken Farmers of Ontario (CFO) staff are monitoring the health status of all broiler chicken flocks in the [Biosecurity Advisory Area](#) and continuing to advise use of [enhanced biosecurity procedures](#) to prevent further infections.

All poultry farmers and growers should notify their veterinarian and the Chicken Farmers of Ontario immediately if their flocks experience increase mortality or see abnormal clinical signs.

ALL INTERESTED POULTRY FARMERS IN RECEIPT OF THIS COMMUNICATION ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND A DIGITAL INFORMATION SESSION ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 12:00PM.

PLEASE [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

Further biosecurity information for small flock growers can be accessed [here](#). Any updates will be available at www.fbcc.ca.

