

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) BIOSECURITY ADVISORY **Cornwall area, United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry**

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On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) has mapped a new [Biosecurity Advisory Area](#) northwest of Cornwall, in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG).

FBCC has been informed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) that a small poultry flock has tested positive for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) in this area. The registered Family Food Grower flock experiencing illness, consists of 38 birds, about 8 months of age.

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.

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.

Commercial poultry farms and 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 Biosecurity Advisories in place across the province: Niagara west, Prince Edward County, and an area in Bruce County. For details on these situations, please visit www.fbcc.ca

