

CONSOLIDATED ILT BIOSECURITY ADVISORY AREA

Encompassing portions of:

- Wellington County (south)
- Regional Municipality of Halton (west)
- City of Hamilton (north)

May 25, 2020

Another case of ILT has been diagnosed in a small unregistered non-commercial chicken flock in south east Wellington county in Puslinch Twp. This is the 4th ILT identified in this region since May 1.

The FBCC in collaboration with OMAFRA has decided to consolidate and slightly expand the 3 existing Biosecurity Advisory Areas located within parts of Wellington County, Regional Municipality of Halton and the City of Hamilton. This Biosecurity Advisory Area can be approximately described as:

- All Wellington County south of Guelph
- Halton west of Guelph Line from Hwy 34 to Campbellville Rd
- City of Hamilton north of Safari Road and west of Hwy 6.

Please refer to this link to the map for more accurate boundary details [LINK](#)

All commercial poultry farmers and small flock growers within the new Biosecurity Advisory Area again are being reminded to reinforce their 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 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.**

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. For more information, please refer to the linked ILT Biosecurity Graphic developed by U. of Georgia. [LINK](#)

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>.

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

