

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) DISEASE: FARMER ADVISORY

Norfolk County

June 6, 2019

On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing an ILT Disease Biosecurity Advisory to all poultry farmers and small flock growers within a defined 10 km area east of Simcoe in Norfolk County. (see map attached)

A commercial broiler chicken farmer in the eastern part of Norfolk County has notified the Chicken Farmers of Ontario (CFO) of a high mortality disease situation in part of his flock. The attending veterinarian submitted samples that have been confirmed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs as positive for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT). FBCC has provided ILT response protocols to the veterinarian to assist with farm bio-containment efforts as well as flock slaughter, cleaning and disinfection, barn heating, disposal, vaccination, and down-time prior to re-stocking. This is the second case of ILT in an Ontario broiler chicken flock (unvaccinated) in several years, with the last one being over a year ago. Occasional commercial layer flocks (vaccinated) as well as numerous small flocks have been infected with ILT over the last few years.

As your farm has been identified as being located within the biosecurity advisory area, we recommend that you remain vigilant in following the enhanced biosecurity procedures that are in effect, including monitoring the movement of birds, people and equipment onto 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 look 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.**

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 boots, protective suits, head coverings and gloves/handwashing. Ensure adequate control of vermin and wild birds.



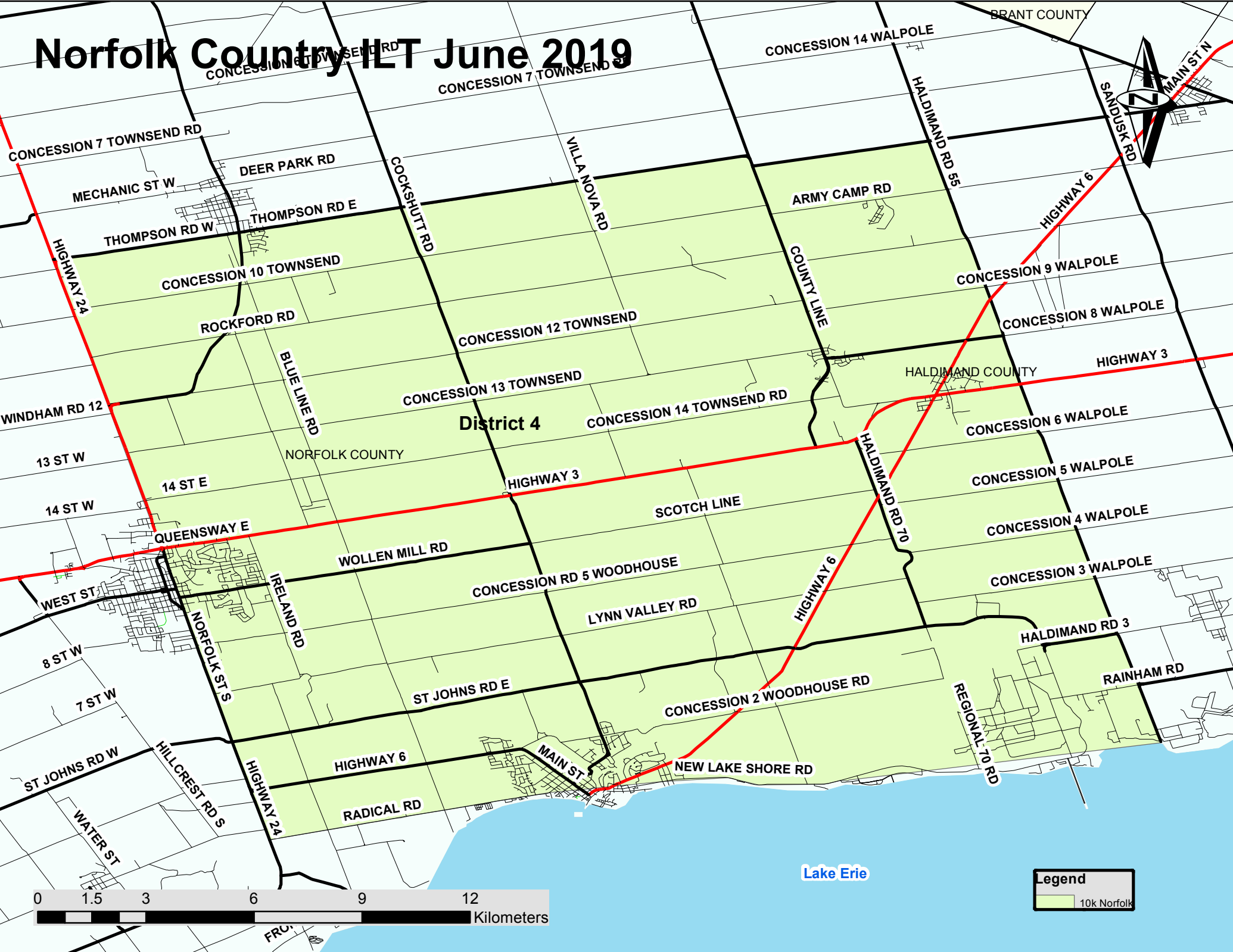
Further biosecurity information for small flock growers is available at <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/bird-health-basics/eng/1323643634523/1323644740109>

We anticipate this this Biosecurity Advisory Area to be maintained until mid July. A stand down advisory will be considered at that time. A map, resource materials and any updates are accessible through www.fbcc.ca

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