

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) - FARMER BIOSECURITY ADVISORY **City of Kawartha Lakes County**

June 17, 2018

On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing an ILT Biosecurity Advisory to all poultry farmers and small flock growers in and around in the City of Kawartha Lakes County.

FBCC has been notified by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), that ILT has been diagnosed in a backyard poultry flock within the City of Kawartha Lakes County. OMAFRA has provided no specific location information as this is an unregistered flock, but has indicated that all birds on the farm have been depopulated and there are no plans to re-stock in the near future. Farmers and small flock growers in this area are being contacted and advised to enhance their biosecurity programs.

Please reinforce your biosecurity protocols including monitoring the movement of birds, people and equipment onto and off of the farm in the interest of flock health.

Should you suspect any signs of health concerns in your flock, please contact your veterinarian as well as your Board. 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.

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 advisory to remain in place until the end of July. A stand down advisory will be issued at the appropriate time. Any updates will be provided through www.fbcc.ca

