

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) - FARMER BIOSECURITY ADVISORY

West Nipissing Municipality

Oct. 5, 2018

On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing an ILT Biosecurity Advisory to all small flock growers and artisanal poultry farmers in the municipality of West Nipissing.

FBCC has been notified by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), that ILT was diagnosed on Sept 24 in a very small chicken layer flock in West Nipissing. No specific location information has been provided as this is an unregistered flock.

Registered small flock growers and artisanal farmers 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 your premises in the interest of flock health.

Should you suspect any signs of health concerns in your flock, please contact your veterinarian. 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 mid November. A stand down advisory will be issued at the appropriate time. Any updates will be provided through www.fbcc.ca

