

**Tryon Hounds**  
**COVID Policies Update**  
September 21,2021

Tryon Hounds recognizes the importance of social interaction among members and appreciates that the past year and a half has been challenging. We have all missed the comradery of breakfasts, parties, and the Hunt Ball.

This season we are resuming a number of our social events and doing our best to meet the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. At every event, Tryon Hounds will follow the Covid-19 requirements established by the state of North Carolina and encourages members and guests to exercise prudent personal responsibility for their health and the health of fellow members.

Current NC State restrictions and recommendations can be found here: <https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/current-restrictions-recommendations>.

This update addresses two areas of importance to our members: using the clubhouse for events and hosting a Hunt Breakfast or other Tryon Hounds social event in private homes.

1. Use of the Tryon Hounds Clubhouse.

- Any member who desires to use the Clubhouse for a Hunt Breakfast or similar event must comply with NC Covid-19 Restrictions, if any.
- For indoor events, encourage attendees to wear a mask and socially distance where practical.
- Encourage members to attend only if they are they are comfortable doing so. For the consideration of all of our members, it is preferable that attendees be vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies.
- Recommend that persons not attend if they have any concerns for their own health or if they have any reason to believe they might be contagious.
- Have hand sanitizer and face masks available for attendees
- Practice safe food handling

2. Hosting a Tryon Hounds event in your home.

Tryon Hounds appreciates all members who host social events. Member hospitality is a longstanding tradition of the club and is one of the most enjoyed aspects of the foxhunting experience.

A member who hosts a Hunt Breakfast or other event on their property must follow the applicable state Covid-19 Restrictions, and may set such additional requirements as the host deems appropriate. Please advise Amanda McDonald (hopkaman@gmail.com) of the Tryon Hounds' Board of any additional restrictions or requirements you have so that we can include that information in the member communications about your event.

In all matters the expectation remains for members and guests to take full responsibility for their own health when they choose to attend Tryon Hounds' events.