

The following is our detailed COVID-19 guidelines and explanation of what we expect from everyone who visits the farm.

Last season we were successful in avoiding any cases of COVID19 being linked to the farm. Things have changed since 2020 and progress is being made in the medical field, but there is no reason for us to be any less diligent for our upcoming season. We will continue our strategy of "Better safe than sorry." We will try to remain adaptable, and implement whatever measures we feel are important for the wellbeing of our members and our family.

Currently we strongly recommend getting vaccinated before planning your hunt.

The Most Important Part:

If you are feeling sick, or you know that you are sick, do not spread your illness. Stay home and reschedule or call from the parking lot to plan the hunt. Even for something as simple as the flu please be considerate to me and my family so as to reduce our exposure.

All hunting:

While there are many debates as to what is or isn't effective we are not looking to influence anyone's opinions. What we are trying to do is provide a safe and relaxing hunting environment.

Hunt organization:

If you prefer not to enter the lounge, or it is closed due to a self-quarantine we have options. Hunt planning may be done over the **phone**, from the parking lot, field parking area, or prior to arriving at the farm. **NO** birds will be released without confirmation from our hunters that they are ready for bird release in hopes to prevent any mistakes.

We recommend downloading the current map of the farm to help plan your hunt.

The Lounge: changed Aug 16th

At this time we are planning to have restricted numbers for entering the lounge. Only one member needs to register your group for check-in, birds, and checkout. Preferably no more than three or four people total will be in the lounge at any time. This may be changed as conditions change.

Masks: Anyone entering the lounge will be recommended to wear a mask. Masks can be provided if you do not have one. Once again this may change as conditions change.

The bathrooms in the lounge will be available when the lounge is open, but we will not be sanitizing them between uses. We will sanitize them often. Please take proper precautions.

Cleaning room:

The cleaning room is something that we are hoping to keep open but will require everyone's help. Once again we will be providing gloves and a sanitization hose containing a bleach water mix. Each group must clean the room thoroughly after each and every use as normal. Outdoor cleaning of birds in the field will **NOT** be allowed due to the volume of waste left and the mess it will create. Please respect the property.

Trying to maintain social distancing in the cleaning room is a real challenge. Anyone using the cleaning room, while other hunters (that are not in your group) are present please cordially discuss among yourselves how you would like to proceed and honor each other's wishes. The cleaning room is an extra service that we provide and if you do not feel comfortable using that facility there is no requirement to do so.

Field hunting:

There are no new policies in regards to the hunting areas. Please try to maintain a proper distance from other groups you may encounter at parking areas.

Fellow hunter interactions:

Please keep social distancing minimums when greeting or visiting other members on the farm who are not part of your hunting party, either in the buildings, parking lots, or while in the fields.

Monday Hunting:

For Monday hunting open hunting will still be available. We will have the sign in sheets posted outside with instructions. The lounge will be available for the use of the bathroom.

Response to Mike becoming ill:

If I (Mike) become ill and am physically capable of work the lounge will be closed but hunting will continue by following our procedures in the [Hunting organization](#) section above. Our secondary bathrooms may be available during that time if necessary.

If I (Mike) become ill for any reason and become unable to work the farm will be set up for open hunting as per Mondays and we will hope for the best.

Final thoughts:

The health and wellbeing of our Fox Ridge Family is a major concern and we do not take it lightly. We will do our best to provide an enjoyable hunting experience with as much reduced risk of getting sick that is necessary. Last season we were very successful with this.

Remember that our approach is going to be **"Better safe than sorry."**

On a personal note I am heavily concerned for my dad during this time as his health has greatly deteriorated lately, and my son Alex whose is at a higher risk due to his ongoing medical treatments. If you believe that we are being a little over-cautious I wanted you to understand

my reasoning. I would rather be over-cautious and healthy than indifferent and lose a family member or friend when it could have been avoided.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding,

Mike

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