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Discovery Environmental Inspection Report

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Property Location

11011 Cherry Hill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705

Date of Inspection: 3/19/2019

Prepared By: Zack Butcher

Certified Indoor Environmentalist (CIE)

Dear Mr. Baylor,

The results of the inspection and testing performed at Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center are concluded, and the findings are enclosed. I want to thank you for allowing ESI the opportunity to service your indoor environmental needs. Included in this report are the observations, lab results, and recommendations from ESI's 03/19/2019 inspection and testing.

Background Information

The Prince Georges County Public School Environmental Team has taken a proactive approach in cleaning the above-mentioned school to ensure there are no health or environmental risks related to microbial and biological hazards. Historically elevated levels of humidity, condensation from pipes, periodic steam leaks and outdated HVAC systems, may have contributed to water damage ceiling tiles and colonization of mold spores in various area of the school.

Purpose

ESI was engaged to inspect the school in a random sufficient manner. Classrooms, administration offices, and common area building materials and contents, will be visually inspected for water damage and microbial growth.

In each location inspected, the indoor air quality will be tested for elevated levels of carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide, in addition to measuring the relative humidity and temperature. Microbial / biological hazards within the breathable air space will also be tested.

Based upon the visual assessment, instrument readings and lab results, ESI will determine if additional remediation in required.

Observations and instrument readings

The following table is designed for this project. Some of the fields may not be filled in due to not being applicable during the time of the inspection. You will notice either a 'YES' or 'NO' in the table. 'YES' indicates that mold and /or water damage was detected and 'NO' indicates it was not. If 'YES' is noted, remediation recommendation will be included for the area inspected. Please note that the cubic feet of air in the rooms inspected is an approximate number.

Location	IAQ Sample #	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	Co	Cubic feet of air.	
Room 11	2376766	N/A	12.6%	72.6°	616	0.00	7,900	
Inspected								
Ceiling Tiles	Walls	Teachers Desk	Children's Desk	Tables	Cabinets Shelving	Convector	HVAC Diffusors	Windows
2x4	CMU	1	3	1	5	2	NO	8
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	N/A	NO

Inspected

- According to one of the teachers, the convector unit suspended from the ceiling broke last year and has not been fixed.
- There was some dust and debris on the convector unit fins.
- The indoor air quality should not pose health or environmental risks, as the total spore count was 440 spores/M³ of breathable air space.

Recommendations

- Any warranted corrective actions should be implemented to ensure the convector unit is functioning properly.
- Clean convector unit fins with an antimicrobial to remove dust and discolorations.

Location	IAQ Sample #	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	Co	Cubic feet of air.	
Room 2	2376767	N/A	26.2%	71.6°	1,599	0.00	11,500	
Inspected								
Ceiling Tiles	Walls	Teachers Desk	Children's Desk	Tables	Cabinets Shelving	Convector	HVAC Diffusors	Windows/ Doors
2x4	CMU	2	0	9	9	2	NO	10
NO	NO	NO	N/A	NO	NO	YES	N/A	NO

Observation Notes

- There was dust and debris on the convector unit fins.
- The Carbon Dioxide (CO2) level in this room was elevated at 1,599 ppm (parts per million).
- The indoor air quality should not pose health or environmental risks, as the total spore count was 440 spores/M³ of breathable air space.

Recommendations

- Clean convector unit fins with an antimicrobial to remove dust and discolorations.
- To reduce Carbon Dioxide (CO2) levels, increase air exchange within this classroom. Ventilating, or circulating the air with a fan will also reduce Carbon Dioxide (CO2) levels.

Location	IAQ Sample #	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	Co	Cubic feet of air.	
Media Center	2376768	N/A	19.2%	71.9°	804	0.00	12,250	
Inspected								
Ceiling Tiles	Walls	Teachers Desk	Children's Desk	Tables	Cabinets Shelving	Convector	HVAC Diffusors	Windows/ Doors
2x4	CMU	5	4	4	4	1	NO	3
YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	N/A	YES

Observation Notes

- There were 3 water stained ceiling tiles.
- There were rust stains on the window sills below the windows.
- The indoor air quality should not pose health or environmental risks, as the total spore count was 240 spores/M³ of breathable air space.

Recommendations

- Clean the window sills with an antimicrobial to remove dust and discolorations.
- Remove, discard, and replace the water stained ceiling tiles.

Location	IAQ Sample #	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	Co	Cubic feet of air.	
Room 13	2376770	N/A	17.9%	73.0°	836	0.00	6,250	
Inspected								
Ceiling Tiles	Walls	Teachers Desk	Children's Desk	Tables	Cabinets Shelving	Convector	HVAC Diffusors	Windows/ Doors
2x4	CMU + VOG	2	0	5	5	1	NO	7
NO	NO	NO	N/A	NO	NO	YES	N/A	NO

Observation Notes

- There was dust, debris, and staining on the convector unit fins.
- The indoor air quality should not pose health or environmental risks, as the total spore count was 600 spores/M³ of breathable air space.

Recommendations

- Clean the convector unit fins with an antimicrobial to remove dust and discolorations.

Location	IAQ Sample #	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	Co	Cubic feet of air.	
Room 24	2376771	N/A	18.9%	72.5°	768	0.00	12,250	
Inspected								
Ceiling Tiles	Walls	Teachers Desk	Children's Desk	Tables	Cabinets Shelving	Convector	HVAC Diffusors	Windows/ Doors
2x4	CMU	4	0	4	5	2	NO	10
NO	NO	NO	N/A	NO	YES	NO	N/A	NO
Observation Notes								
• There was evidence of previous moisture activity in the sink cabinet as there were water stains inside. • The indoor air quality should not pose health or environmental risks, as the total spore count was 160 spores/M³ of breathable air space.								
Recommendations								
• Ensure there are no active leaks from the sink. • HEPA vacuum, then damp-wipe the sink cabinetry with an anti-microbial agent to remove water staining and any suspected microbial contamination.								

Interpretation of Lab Results

In the enclosed Air Cassette Analysis report, you will notice Fungal Identification, which is the genera detected in the breathable airspace inside, and outside. The Raw count is the actual number of spores counted on the slide, and the Count/m3 are the spores per cubic meter of air. The other particles are non-living particles such as dander, mycelial fragments, pollens, etc.

For humans to be exposed indoors, fungal spores, fragments, or metabolites must be released into the air and inhaled, physically contacted (dermal exposure), or ingested. Whether symptoms develop in people exposed to fungi depends on the nature of the fungal material (e.g., allergenic, toxic, or infectious), the amount of exposure, and the susceptibility of exposed persons.

Susceptibility varies with genetic predisposition (e.g., allergic reactions do not always occur in all individuals), age, state of health, and concurrent exposures.

Air Sampling Lab Results

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Analyst: Shepperson, Josh

Air Cassette Analysis

ND = None Detected. Blank spaces indicate no spores detected.

SanAir ID Number	19012821-001			19012821-002			19012821-003			19012821-004		
Analysis Using STL	107C			107C			107C			107C		
Sample Number	2376765			2376766			2376767			2376768		
Sample Identification	Control - Outside			Room 11 - Speech			Room 2			Library - Media Center		
Sample Type	Air Cassette - Micro-5			Air Cassette - Micro-5			Air Cassette - Micro-5			Air Cassette - Micro-5		
Volume	25 Liters			25 Liters			25 Liters			25 Liters		
Analytical Sensitivity	40 Count/M³			40 Count/M³			40 Count/M³			40 Count/M³		
Background Density	2			2			2			2		
Other	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**
Dander	1	40	n/a	61	2440	n/a	42	1680	n/a	45	1800	n/a
Fibers				3	120	n/a	3	120	n/a	5	200	n/a
Mycelial Fragments										2	80	n/a
Fungal Identification	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**
Ascospores												
Aspergillus/Penicillium				9	360	82	10	400	91	2	80	33
Basidiospores	2	80	>99	1	40	9				2	80	33
Bispora like										1	40	17
Cladosporium species				1	40	9	1	40	9	1	40	17
Curvularia species												
Smuts/Myxomycetes												
TOTAL	**2**	**80**		**11**	**440**		**11**	**440**		**6**	**240**	

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Analysis Using STL	107C			107C				
Sample Number	2376770			2376771				
Sample Identification	Room 13			Room 24				
Sample Type	Air Cassette - Micro-5			Air Cassette - Micro-5				
Volume	25 Liters			25 Liters				
Analytical Sensitivity	40 Count/M³			40 Count/M³				
Background Density	2			2				
Other	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**		
Dander	58	2320	n/a	39	1560	n/a		
Fibers	4	160	n/a	4	160	n/a		
Mycelial Fragments								
Fungal Identification	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**	**Raw Count**	**Count/M³**	**%**		
Ascospores	1	40	7					
Aspergillus/Penicillium	11	440	73	1	40	25		
Basidiospores	1	40	7					
Bispora like	1	40	7					
Cladosporium species				2	80	50		
Curvularia species				1	40	25		
Smuts/Myxomycetes	1	40	7					
TOTAL	**15**	**600**		**4**	**160**			

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Organism Descriptions

The descriptions of the organisms presented are derived from various reference materials. The laboratory report is based on the data derived from the samples submitted and no interpretation of the data, as to potential, or actual, health effects resulting from exposure to the numbers of organisms found, can be made by laboratory personnel. Any interpretation of the potential health effects of the presence of this organism must be made by qualified professional personnel with first hand knowledge of the sample site, and the problems associated with that site.

Dander - Comprised of human and/or animal skin cells. Counts may be higher in carpeted rooms and in rooms with more traffic.
Health Effects: May cause allergies.

Fibers - This category can include clothing, carpet, and insulation fibers.

Mycelial Fragments - A mycelium (plural = mycelia) is the "body" of a fungus. It is a collective term for hyphae (singular = hypha), which are the tubular units of the mycelium usually composed of chitin. The terms hyphae and mycelial fragments are used interchangeably. [This information was referenced from the mycology text "The Fifth Kingdom"]In some cases a fungal identification cannot be obtained due to lack of sporulation. Only the mycelial fragments are present, and cannot be identified without the distinguishing characteristics of the spores or the structures they grow from.
Health Effects: Allergic reactions may occur in the presence of spores (conidia) or mycelial/hyphal fragments.

Ascospores - From the fungal Subphylum Ascomycotina. Ascospores are ubiquitous in nature and are commonly found in the outdoor environment. This class contains the "sac fungi" and yeasts. Some ascospores can be identified by spore morphology, however; some care should be excercised with regard to specific identification. They are identified on tape lifts and non-viable analysis by the fact that they have no attachment scars and are sometimes enclosed in sheaths with or without sacs. Ascomycetes may develop both sexual and asexual stages. Rain and high humidity may help asci to release, and dispurse ascospores, which is why during these weather conditions there is a great increase in counts.
Health Effects: This group contains possible allergens.

Aspergillus/Penicillium - These spores are easily aerosolized. Only through the visualization of reproductive structures can the genera be distinguished. Also included in this group are the spores of the genera Acremonium, Phialophora, Verticillium, Paecilomyces, etc. Small, round spores of this group lack the necessary distinguishing characteristics when seen on non-viable examination.
Health Effects: Can cause a variety of symptoms including allergic reactions. Most symptoms occur if the individual is immunocompromised in some way (HIV, cancer, etc). Both Penicillium and Aspergillus spores share similar morphology on non-viable analysis and therefore are lumped together into the same group.

Basidiospores - From the Subphylum Basidiomycotina which contains the mushrooms, shelf fungi, and a variety of other macrofungi. They are saprophytes, ectomycorrhizal fungi or agents of wood rot, which may destroy the structure wood of buildings. It is extremely difficult to identify a specific genera of mushrooms by using standard culture plate techniques. Some basidiomycete spores can be identified by spore morphology; however, some care should be exercised with regard to specific identification. The release of basidiospores is dependant upon moisture, and they are dispersed by wind.
Health Effects: Many have the potential to produce a variety of toxins. Members of this group may trigger Type I and III fungal hypersensitivity reactions. Rarely reported as opportunistic pathogens.

Bispora like - Bispora is a ubiquitous anamorphic fungus and may be isolated from decaying wood.
Health Effects: There has been no known research on the health effects, toxicity, or allergens to this fungi.
References: C.J. K. Wang, R.A. Zabel, Identification Manual for Fungi from Utility Poles in the Eastern United States, American Type Culture Collection 1990

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Cladosporium species - The most commonly identified outdoor fungus. The outdoor numbers are reduced in the winter and are often high in the summer. Often found indoors in numbers less than outdoor numbers. It is commonly found on the surface of fiberglass duct liner in the interior of supply ducts. A wide variety of plants are food sources for this fungus. It is found on dead plants, woody plants, food, straw, soil, paint and textiles. Often found in dirty refrigerators and especially in reservoirs where condensation is collected, on moist window frames it can easily be seen covering the whole painted area with a velvety olive green layer.
Health Effects: It is a common allergen. It can cause mycosis. Common cause of extrinsic asthma (immediate-type hypersensitivity: type I). Acute symptoms include edema and bronchiospasms, chronic cases may develop pulmonary emphysema. Illnesses caused by this genus can include phaeohyphomycosis, chromoblastomycosis, hay fever and common allergies.
References: Flannigan, Brian, Robert A. Samson, and J. David Miller, eds. Microorganisms in Home and Indoor Work Environments: Diversity, Health Impacts, Investigation, and Control. London and New York: Taylor & Francis,2001.

Curvularia species - Curvularia is found on plant material and is considered a saprobe. It has also been isolated from dust samples and from wallpaper.
Health Effects: It has been reported to cause type I hypersensitivity and to be a cause of allergic fungal sinusitis. It may cause corneal infections, mycetoma and infections in immune compromised hosts.
References: De Hoog, G.S., J. Guarro, J. Gene, and M.J. Figueras. Atlas of Clinical Fungi, 2nd Edition. The Netherlands: CBS, 2000.

Smuts/Myxomycetes - Smuts and Myxomycetes are parasitic plant pathogens. They are typically grouped together due to their association with plants, the outdoors and because they share similar microscopic morphology.
Health Effects: Can produce type I fungal hypersensitivity reactions.
References: Martin, G.W., C.J. Alexopoulos, and M.L. Farr. The Genera of Myxomycetes. Iowa City, Iowa: University of Iowa Press, 1983.

Conclusions/Recommendations

The samples in this report indicate no elevated airborne mold spores were detected in the test locations. However, several rooms still need attention. This is due to some water stained ceiling tiles located throughout the school, dust and debris on convector units, water staining and/or active leaks in sink cabinets, and slightly elevated levels of CO2. Please refer to all the recommendations listed above.

I hope you found our service beneficial. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 410-867-6262.

Respectfully,

Zack Butcher (CIE)
Environmental Solutions, Inc.

Industry References

Since the 1993 New York City Department of Health (NYCDOH) document (Assessment and remediation of *Stachybotrys Atra* in Indoor Environments) was produced, several other guidance documents have been written. This report was developed in accordance with and including:

- *Fungal Contamination in Buildings: A Guide to Recognition and Management* (Health Canada, 1995).
- *Control of Moisture Problems Affecting Biological Indoor Air Quality* (Flannigan and Morey, 1996).
- *Bioaerosols: Assessment and Control* (American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists [ACGIH], 1999).
- *Guidelines on Assessment and Remediation of Fungi in Indoor Environments* (NYCDOH, 2000). [external link]
- *Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings* (U.S. EPA, 2001).
- *Report of the Microbial Growth Task Force* (The American Industrial Hygiene Association, 2001).
- *Fungal Contamination: A manual for investigation, remediation and control (BECi) 2005*.
- *29 CFR 1910, Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry, U.S. Department of Labor*
- Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification Standard IICRC S520 *29 CFR 1926, Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry*, U.S. Department of Labor
- *40 CFR 61, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
- *ACR 2006, Assessment, Cleaning and Restoration of HVAC Systems, National Air Duct Cleaners Association, 2006**
- *ASHRAE Standards 62.1 or 62.2*
- *ASTM D-1653, Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Organic Coating Films*
- *Bioaerosols: Assessment and Control,* American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, 1999
- *Field Guide for Determination of Biological Contaminants in Environmental Samples, American Industrial Hygiene Association, 2005*
- *A Guide for Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings, US Environmental Protection Agency, 2001 Protecting the Built Environment: Cleaning for Health, Michael A. Berry Ph.D., 1993*
- *IICRC S100 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Carpet Cleaning, Fourth Edition, Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, (S100)**
- *IICRC S300 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Upholstery Cleaning, First Edition, Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, (S300)**
- *ANSI/IICRC S500 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Water Damage Restoration, Third Edition, Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, (S500)**