

HEALTHY COLORADO SCHOOLS

MOLD AND MOISTURE CHECKLIST

Mold growth can result in allergic reactions and other health problems; it can damage furnishings and cause structural damage. Visually inspect of all school areas, including classrooms, restrooms and kitchens for signs of mold, moisture, leaks or spills. Correct high moisture conditions quickly before mold grows.

Some of the most common indoor molds are *Cladosporium*, *Penicillium*, *Aspergillus*, and *Alternaria*. *Stachybotrys chartarum* (also known by its synonym *Stachybotrys atra*) is a greenish-black mold. It is not necessary, however, to determine what type of mold you may have. All molds should be treated with respect to potential health risks and removal.

Mold and Moisture Control Checklist

- Establish a mold prevention and remediation plan within your Indoor Air Quality management program.
- Prevent moisture condensation by increasing surface temperature, installing proper insulation and improving air circulation.
- Eliminate sources of moisture by reducing indoor humidity.
- Respond promptly when you see signs of moisture and/or mold or when leaks or spills occur. Dry all wet areas within 24 to 48 hours.
- Perform regular heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) inspections and maintenance as scheduled.

For cases of large areas, contact a professional contractor. A list of contractors can be located at www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/IAQhom.asp.

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