

September 15, 2020

Client Name and Address:

MAC Services, LLC 21 Mill Pond Drive Rochester, MA 02770

Re: Microbial Analytical Results from: Middle School; 1141 Brayton Ave; Somerset, MA

H2O Laboratory Number:03559

Dear Joseph Cooney,

We at H2O EnviroComp would like to thank you for your recent business. Samples were received on 9/14/2020 from a job located at Middle School; 1141 Brayton Ave; Somerset, MA. The final report is enclosed for the following samples: 1-8.

Please note that environmental conditions should be taken into account when interpreting the associated data and sampling at any other time period may produce differing results. H2O EnviroComp follows prescribed procedures for the analysis of air cassettes and direct samples to identify and quantify particulate and microbiological contamination.

These results only pertain to this job and should not be used in the interpretation of any other job. This report may be reproduced only in its entirety.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at the number below.

Regards,

Steven Grevelis Laboratory Director

Enclosures:

- Analytical results
- Chain of Custody
- Fungal glossary



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City, ST, Zip: Rochester, MA 02770 **Lab No:** 03559 **Date Reported:** 9/15/2020

Phone: 508-789-0983 Report Status: Version 1

Mold Identification by Samples

Sample Number: 03559-01 Sample Medium: Allergenco-D
Client Sample ID: Sampling Rate: 15L/Min for 5 Minutes

Magnification: 600 X Total Liters: 75

Location: Center of Room 47

Sample Data:

		Count/			Count/
		Cubic		Raw	Cubic
Type:	Raw Count	Meter	Type:	Count	Meter
Ascospores, Non-specified	ND	ND	Smuts	ND	ND
Basidiospores, Non-specified	1	42	Rusts	ND	ND
Aspergillus/Penicillium-Like	1	42	Spegazzinia	ND	ND
Cladosporium	ND	ND	Stachybotrys	ND	ND
Chaetomium	ND	ND	Ulocladium	ND	ND
Ganoderma	ND	ND	Nigrospora	ND	ND
Pithomyces	ND	ND	Un-ID Spore	ND	ND
Alternaria	ND	ND	Pollen	ND	ND
Cercospora-like	ND	ND	Hyphal Frags	ND	ND
Curvularia	ND	ND	Insect Frags	ND	ND
Epicoccum	ND	ND			
Oidium	ND	ND	1		

Sample Data Comments:

Skin Fragment Prevalence; 1 (Low) to 4 (High):	1
Background Density; 1 (Low) to 5 (Overloaded):	1
Total Fungal Raw Count:	2
Analytical Sensitivity (Spore/Cubic Meter):	42

Number of Traverses: 12

Total Fungal Count (Spore/Cubic Meter): 84

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Mold Identification by Samples

Sample Number: 03559-02 Sample Medium: Allergenco-D
Client Sample ID: Sampling Rate: 15L/Min for 5 Minutes

Magnification: 600 X Total Liters: 75

Location: Center of Art Room

Sample Data:

		Count/			Count/
		Cubic		Raw	Cubic
Type:	Raw Count	Meter	Type:	Count	Meter
Ascospores, Non-specified	ND	ND	Smuts	ND	ND
Basidiospores, Non-specified	8	337	Rusts	ND	ND
Aspergillus/Penicillium-Like	5	211	Spegazzinia	ND	ND
Cladosporium	1	42	Stachybotrys	ND	ND
Chaetomium	ND	ND	Ulocladium	ND	ND
Ganoderma	ND	ND	Nigrospora	ND	ND
Pithomyces	ND	ND	Un-ID Spore	ND	ND
Alternaria	ND	ND	Pollen	ND	ND
Cercospora-like	ND	ND	Hyphal Frags	ND	ND
Curvularia	ND	ND	Insect Frags	ND	ND
Epicoccum	ND	ND			
Oidium	ND	ND	1		

Sample Data Comments:

Skin Fragment Prevalence; 1 (Low) to 4 (High):	1
Background Density; 1 (Low) to 5 (Overloaded):	1
Total Fungal Raw Count:	14
Analytical Sensitivity (Spore/Cubic Meter):	42

Number of Traverses: 12 **Total Fungal Count (Spore/Cubic Meter):** 589

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Mold Identification by Samples

Sample Number: 03559-03 Sample Medium: Allergenco-D
Client Sample ID: Sampling Rate: 15L/Min for 5 Minutes

Magnification: 600 X Total Liters: 75

Location: Room 49

Sample Data:

		Count/			Count/
		Cubic		Raw	Cubic
Type:	Raw Count	Meter	Type:	Count	Meter
Ascospores, Non-specified	ND	ND	Smuts	ND	ND
Basidiospores, Non-specified	22	926	Rusts	ND	ND
Aspergillus/Penicillium-Like	7	295	Spegazzinia	ND	ND
Cladosporium	3	126	Stachybotrys	ND	ND
Chaetomium	ND	ND	Ulocladium	ND	ND
Ganoderma	1	42	Nigrospora	ND	ND
Pithomyces	ND	ND	Un-ID Spore	ND	ND
Alternaria	ND	ND	Pollen	ND	ND
Cercospora-like	ND	ND	Hyphal Frags	ND	ND
Curvularia	ND	ND	Insect Frags	ND	ND
Epicoccum	ND	ND			
Oidium	ND	ND	1		

Sample Data Comments:

Skin Fragment Prevalence; 1 (Low) to 4 (High):	1
Background Density; 1 (Low) to 5 (Overloaded):	1
Total Fungal Raw Count:	33
Analytical Sensitivity (Spore/Cubic Meter):	42

Number of Traverses: 12 **Total Fungal Count (Spore/Cubic Meter):** 1389

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Mold Identification by Samples

Sample Number: 03559-04 Sample Medium: Allergenco-D
Client Sample ID: Sampling Rate: 15L/Min for 5 Minutes

Magnification: 600 X Total Liters: 75

Location: Room 50

Sample Data:

		Count/			Count/
		Cubic		Raw	Cubic
Type:	Raw Count	Meter	Type:	Count	Meter
Ascospores, Non-specified	1	42	Smuts	ND	ND
Basidiospores, Non-specified	9	379	Rusts	ND	ND
Aspergillus/Penicillium-Like	2	84	Spegazzinia	ND	ND
Cladosporium	ND	ND	Stachybotrys	ND	ND
Chaetomium	ND	ND	Ulocladium	ND	ND
Ganoderma	ND	ND	Nigrospora	ND	ND
Pithomyces	1	42	Un-ID Spore	ND	ND
Alternaria	ND	ND	Pollen	ND	ND
Cercospora-like	ND	ND	Hyphal Frags	ND	ND
Curvularia	ND	ND	Insect Frags	ND	ND
Epicoccum	ND	ND			
Oidium	ND	ND	1		

Sample Data Comments:

Skin Fragment Prevalence; 1 (Low) to 4 (High):	1
Background Density; 1 (Low) to 5 (Overloaded):	1
Total Fungal Raw Count:	13
Analytical Sensitivity (Spore/Cubic Meter):	42

Number of Traverses: 12 **Total Fungal Count (Spore/Cubic Meter):** 547

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Mold Identification by Samples

Sample Number: 03559-05 Sample Medium: Allergenco-D Client Sample ID: Sampling Rate: 15L/Min for 5 Minutes

Magnification: 600 X Total Liters: 75

Location: Room 52/53

Sample Data:

		Count/			Count/
		Cubic		Raw	Cubic
Type:	Raw Count	Meter	Type:	Count	Meter
Ascospores, Non-specified	2	84	Smuts	9	379
Basidiospores, Non-specified	10	421	Rusts	ND	ND
Aspergillus/Penicillium-Like	171	7200	Spegazzinia	ND	ND
Cladosporium	5	211	Stachybotrys	ND	ND
Chaetomium	ND	ND	Ulocladium	ND	ND
Ganoderma	ND	ND	Nigrospora	ND	ND
Pithomyces	ND	ND	Un-ID Spore	ND	ND
Alternaria	ND	ND	Pollen	ND	ND
Cercospora-like	ND	ND	Hyphal Frags	ND	ND
Curvularia	2	84	Insect Frags	ND	ND
Epicoccum	ND	ND			
Oidium	ND	ND			

Sample Data Comments:

Skin Fragment Prevalence; 1 (Low) to 4 (High):	1
Background Density; 1 (Low) to 5 (Overloaded):	1
Total Fungal Raw Count:	199
Analytical Sensitivity (Spore/Cubic Meter):	42

Number of Traverses: 12 **Total Fungal Count (Spore/Cubic Meter):** 8379

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Mold Identification by Samples

Sample Number: 03559-06 Sample Medium: Allergenco-D Client Sample ID: Sampling Rate: 15L/Min for 5 Minutes

Magnification:600 XTotal Liters:75

Location: Room 55

Sample Data:

		Count/			Count/
		Cubic		Raw	Cubic
Type:	Raw Count	Meter	Type:	Count	Meter
Ascospores, Non-specified	1	42	Smuts	ND	ND
Basidiospores, Non-specified	2	84	Rusts	ND	ND
Aspergillus/Penicillium-Like	3	126	Spegazzinia	ND	ND
Cladosporium	ND	ND	Stachybotrys	ND	ND
Chaetomium	ND	ND	Ulocladium	ND	ND
Ganoderma	ND	ND	Nigrospora	ND	ND
Pithomyces	ND	ND	Un-ID Spore	ND	ND
Alternaria	ND	ND	Pollen	ND	ND
Cercospora-like	ND	ND	Hyphal Frags	ND	ND
Curvularia	ND	ND	Insect Frags	ND	ND
Epicoccum	ND	ND		-	
Oidium	ND	ND]		

Sample Data Comments:

Skin Fragment Prevalence; 1 (Low) to 4 (High):	1
Background Density; 1 (Low) to 5 (Overloaded):	1
Total Fungal Raw Count:	6
Analytical Sensitivity (Spore/Cubic Meter)	42

Number of Traverses: 12

Total Fungal Count (Spore/Cubic Meter): 253

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Sample Number: 03559-07 Sample Medium: Allergenco-D Client Sample ID: Sampling Rate: 15L/Min for 5 Minutes

Magnification: 600 X Total Liters: 75

Location: Room 57/58

Sample Data:

		Count/			Count/
		Cubic		Raw	Cubic
Type:	Raw Count	Meter	Type:	Count	Meter
Ascospores, Non-specified	ND	ND	Smuts	1	42
Basidiospores, Non-specified	5	211	Rusts	ND	ND
Aspergillus/Penicillium-Like	3	126	Spegazzinia	ND	ND
Cladosporium	ND	ND	Stachybotrys	ND	ND
Chaetomium	ND	ND	Ulocladium	ND	ND
Ganoderma	ND	ND	Nigrospora	ND	ND
Pithomyces	ND	ND	Un-ID Spore	ND	ND
Alternaria	ND	ND	Pollen	ND	ND
Cercospora-like	ND	ND	Hyphal Frags	ND	ND
Curvularia	ND	ND	Insect Frags	ND	ND
Epicoccum	ND	ND		-	<u>.</u>
Oidium	ND	ND]		

Sample Data Comments:

Skin Fragment Prevalence; 1 (Low) to 4 (High):	1
Background Density; 1 (Low) to 5 (Overloaded):	1
Total Fungal Raw Count:	9
Analytical Sensitivity (Spore/Cubic Meter):	42

Number of Traverses: 12

Total Fungal Count (Spore/Cubic Meter): 379

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Mold Identification by Samples

Sample Number: 03559-08 Sample Medium: Allergenco-D
Client Sample ID: Sampling Rate: 15L/Min for 5 Minutes

Magnification: 600 X Total Liters: 75

Location: Outdoor @ Rear of Building

Sample Data:

		Count/			Count/
		Cubic		Raw	Cubic
Type:	Raw Count	Meter	Type:	Count	Meter
Ascospores, Non-specified	36	1516	Smuts	27	1137
Basidiospores, Non-specified	143	6021	Rusts	ND	ND
Aspergillus/Penicillium-Like	ND	ND	Spegazzinia	ND	ND
Cladosporium	24	1011	Stachybotrys	ND	ND
Chaetomium	ND	ND	Ulocladium	ND	ND
Ganoderma	ND	ND	Coprinus	ND	ND
Pithomyces	4	168	Un-ID Spore	ND	ND
Alternaria	ND	ND	Pollen	ND	ND
Cercospora-like	ND	ND	Hyphal Frags	2	84
Curvularia	ND	ND	Insect Frags	ND	ND
Epicoccum	ND	ND			
Memnoniella	ND	ND			

Sample Data Comments:

Skin Fragment Prevalence; 1 (Low) to 4 (High):	1
Background Density; 1 (Low) to 5 (Overloaded):	1
Total Fungal Raw Count:	234

Analytical Sensitivity (Spore/Cubic Meter): 42
Number of Traverses: 12

Total Fungal Count (Spore/Cubic Meter): 9853

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Sampled By: Joseph Cooney Date: 091120 Project Manager: Joseph Cooney		Email Address(es) to Send Report to: Email 1: jcooney@macmoldandmore.com					H2O Lab ID: 03559	
Turn Around Time:	Email 2:	Email 2:						
SAMPLE ID	LOCATION		Sample Type (Air, Tape Lift, Bulk)	Rate (I/min)	Volume Da Time (min)	volume	Sample Media (Air-O- Cell, Allergenco-D, etc)	
4115567	Center of room 47		Air	15	5	75	Allergenco-D	
4115569	Center of Art rooms		Air	15	5	75	Allergenco-D	
4115889	Room 49		Air .	15	5	75	Allergenco-D	
4115582	Room 50	9	Air	15	5	75	Allergenco-D	
4115578	Cord Room 52/53		Air	15	5	75	Allergenco-D	
4/15583	Room 55		Air	15	5	75	Allergenco-D	
41155 68	Room 57/58		Air	15	5	75	Allergenco-D	
4115587	out door e rear of	-building	-Air	15	5	75	Allergenco-D	
41155	,		Air	15	5	75	Allergenco-D	
4435			Air	15	5	75	Allergenco-D	
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Note: The following list is not inclusive of all molds and fungi.

Absidia: Found outdoors in soil and decaying vegetation. Found indoors in stored grains and other foods. Absidia is recognized as an allergen. In immunocompromised patients pulmonary invasions, the meninges (brain or spinal cord), and kidney infections can result from exposure.

Acremonium: Found outdoors in decaying or dead plant materials. Found indoors in food and wet, cellulose based building materials. Grows well indoors when there is a high water content (>0.90 Aw). Type I (hat fever, asthma) and Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis) allergen. Known to cause infections in immunodeficient patients and persons with wound injuries. There are 100 known species.

Alternaria: Common saprobe and pathogen of plants. Typically found on plant tissue, decaying wood, and foods, soil and air outdoors. Indoors it is found near condensation (window frames, showers), house dust (in carpets, and air). It also colonizes building supplies, computer disks, cosmetics, leather, optical instruments, paper, sewage, stone monuments, textiles, wood pulp, and jet fuel. Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma) and Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis). Alternaria spores are one of the most common and potent indoor and outdoor airborne allergens. Additionally, Alternaria sensitization has been determined to be one of the most important factors in the onset of childhood asthma. Synergy with Cladosporium or Ulocladium may increase the severity of symptoms.

Arthrinium: Found outdoors in decaying plant material and soil. Found indoors on cellulose containing materials. *Arthrinium sphaerospermum* is recognized as an allergen.

Ascospores: Ascospores are found everywhere in nature. Ascospores are the result of sexual reproduction and produced in a saclike structure called an ascus. All ascospores belong to members of the Phylum Ascomycota, which encompasses a plethora of genera worldwide.

Asperigillus/Penicillium: These species are common contaminants on various substances. This organism causes food spoilage and is an indicated organism for dampness indoors. Some of these species are known to produce mycotoxins. If health effects are noticed by occupants or workers, in an environment that evidences an amplification of Penicillium, identification of species is helpful. These especially opportunistic pathogens may cause respiratory infections. Some varieties produce mycotoxins and aflatoxins.

Basidiospores: Found outdoors in gardens forests and woodlands. Plant pathogen. Indoors it is the agent of "dry rot" and other fungi causing white and brown wood rot. Grow and destroy the structural wood of buildings. Poria incrassata causes a particularly destructive dry rot in buildings. A probably common allergen. Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma).

Bipolaris: Found outdoors in plant debris and soil. Found indoors on houseplants and indoor building materials. Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma). Most commonly reported cause of allergic and chronic invasive sinusitis.

Botrytis: Plant pathogen responsible for causing gray mold (*B. cincera*) on grapes, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, low bush blueberries, lettuce, cabbage and onion. Indoors it is found on houseplants fruits and vegetables. Type I (hay fever, asthma) and type III (hypersensitivity) allergies.



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Candida: Found in leaves, flowers, soil, water and is an inhabitant of the skin, mouth and vagina. It is unknown what suitable substrates are in the indoor environment. Has been reported as an allergen. Occurs in patients taking drugs such as oral contraceptives and antibiotics.

Cercospora: Found outdoors on plants. It is a plant parasite causing leaf spot. It is unknown what substrates it prefers indoors. Thrives in moderate to high humidity its allergenic potential is unknown.

Chaetomium: Found outdoors in soil, seeds, dung, woody and straw materials. Indoors found on damp sheet rock paper. Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma).

Coprinus: Found outdoors in wood, dung, litter and soil. Industrial uses: Popular experimental organism in genetic research

Cladosporium: Found outdoors in soil of many different types. Indoors it is found on many substrates including textiles, wood, and moist windowsills. Cladosporium grows at 0degrees C, and so is associated with refrigerated foods. It is a common and important allergen. Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma).

Cladophialophora (form of Cladosporium): Phialophora: Found outdoors in wood roots, stems and leaves of plants and grasses, and soil. It is a water loving fungus. Allergenicity has not been studied.

Coprinus: Found outdoors in wood, dung, litter and soil. Industrial uses: Popular experimental organism in genetic research

Curvularia: found outdoors in plant saprobe and pathogen to cereal plants and soil. Found indoors in paper and wood products. Type I allergies (asthma and hay fever) A relatively common cause of allergic fungal sinusitis.

Dactylaria: Found outdoors in decaying soil and leaves. Dactylaria species comprise a very small proportion of the fungal biota. There have been several reports of opportunistic infections caused by these genera but a true pathogenic role has not been firmly established. No information is available regarding upper respiratory health effects, or toxicity. Allergenicity has not been studied.

Epicoccum: Found outdoors in plant debris and soil. Found indoors in paper and textiles. Type I allergies (asthma and hay fever).

Fusarium: Found outdoors in soil. Occasionally found on a variety of substrates. Fusarium requires very wet conditions. Aw=0.86-0.91 (minimum for various species). Type I allergies (asthma and hay fever).

Gandomera: Found outdoors on conifers and hardwoods worldwide, causing white rot, root rot, and stem rot. Ganoderma species are known to cause allergies in people on a worldwide scale.

Memnoniella: Found outdoors in plant litter soil and many types of plants and trees. Found indoors on a variety of substrates (cellulolytic). Allergens are unknown. Very closely related to Stachybotrys.

Myxomycetes: Found outdoors in decaying logs and stumps, particularly in forested areas. Only found occasionally indoors. Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma)



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Nigrospora: Found outdoors in decaying plants and soil. Rarely found indoors. Type I allergies (asthma and hay fever).

Pithomyces: Found outdoors in bark, leaf litter and soils. Indoors it is found in paper and requires high levels of moisture for spore germination. Its allergenic potential is unknown.

Rust: Rusts are parasitic to many types of plants. Rust fungi require a living plant host for growth. Type I allergens (hay fever, asthma). There are 5000 known species of rusts belonging to at least 150 different genera. Rusts are the cause of great economic losses on many cultivated plants.

Scopulariopsis (Hyphomycetes) Teleomorph: *Microascus* (Ascomycetes) Mainly soil-borne, but also frequently isolated from wood, grain, fruit, paper, and food such as meat and dairy products. Also isolated from indoor environments. *Most species can liberate arsenic gaseous compounds that can lead to arsenic poisoning. Has recently been associated with invasive human infections.*

Spegazzinia: Found outdoors in plants and soil. It is unknown what substrates it is found on indoors. Allergenic properties are unknown.

Stachybotrys: Stachybotrys: Stachybotrys grows on wet materials that contain cellulose and low nitrogen content. Usually but not limited to building materials such as wallboard paper (unfinished drywall) that has a high water activity over a long period of time. It produces several types of toxic metabolites and mycotoxins that can irritate skin and mucous membranes. One of the mycotoxins it produces called satratoxin is also toxic when inhaled. **Extreme care should be taken when this organism is amplified indoors**. Individuals with chronic exposure to the toxin produced by this fungus reported cold and flu symptoms, sore throat, diarrhea, headaches, fatigue, dermatitis, intermittent local hair loss, and generalized malaise. The toxins produced by this fungus will suppress the immune system affecting the lymphoid tissue and the bone marrow.

Stemphylium: Found outdoors in soil, wood, decaying vegetation. Some species found on leaves are plant pathogens. Indoors growth is rare. Known allergen. Shares allergens with Alternaria. Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma).

Trichoderma: Found outdoors in soil, wood, decaying vegetation. Some species found on leaves are plant pathogens. Indoors growth on paper, textiles, and wet wood. Known allergen. Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma), Type III allergies (hypersensitivity), and has occasionally been associated with disease in immunocompromised individuals.

Torula: Found outdoors in leaves, plant roots, plant litter, soil and wood. Indoors it is found in paper, wicker furniture and wood. Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma).

Ulocladium: Found outdoors in soil, dung paint, grasses, fibers, wood, decaying plant material, paper and textiles. Indoors it is found in gypsum board, paper, paint, tapestries, jute and other straw materials. Ulocladium has a high water requirement. As an allergen it is major with type I allergies (hay fever, asthma) and it cross reacts with Alternaria, adding to the burden of Alternaria –sensitive patients.

Wallemia: Found outdoors in hay and soil. Found indoors in jams, salted fish, mattresses, textiles and wood in crawl spaces. It is a Type I (hay fever and asthma) allergen.

Zygomycetes: Found outdoors in decaying plant and animal matter. Found indoors in fruits and vegetables. It is a Type1 (hay fever, asthma) and Type III (hypersensitivity) allergen. Many zygomycetes are extremely fast growing and can inhibit other fungi when competing for food and space.