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# **MoldSCORE™: Spore Trap Report**

## **Outdoor Sample:** 4 Outdoors

Fungi Identified	Out	tdoor	' sa	mple spor	raw	spores/m3	
	<100		1K	10K	>100K	count	
Generally able to grow indoors*							
Alternaria						6	80
Bipolaris/Drechslera group						4	53
Chaetomium						1	13
Cladosporium						124	1,650
Curvularia						ND	< 13
Epicoccum						6	80
Nigrospora						ND	< 13
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†						8	107
Stachybotrys						ND	< 13
Torula						ND	< 13
Seldom found growing indoors**							
Ascospores <sup>††</sup>						8	107
Basidiospores <sup>††</sup>						12	160
Rusts						6	80
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes <sup>††</sup>						12	160
Total							2,490

#### Location: 2 Complaint area 2

Fungi Identified	Indoor sample spores/m3					raw	spores/m3	MoldSCORE <sup>‡</sup>			t	
	<100	1K	10	)K	>100K	count	_	100	2	200	300	Score
Generally able to grow indoors*												
Alternaria						30	400					220
Bipolaris/Drechslera group						ND	< 13					100
Chaetomium						ND	< 13					100
Cladosporium						12	160					100
Curvularia						ND	< 13					100
Nigrospora						ND	< 13					100
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†						96	1,280					254
Stachybotrys						ND	< 13					100
Torula						ND	< 13					100
Seldom found growing indoors**												
Ascospores††						ND	< 13					100
Basidiospores <sup>†</sup> <sup>†</sup>						4	53					100
Rusts						ND	< 13					100
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes††						3	40					100
Total							1,933	Fi	nal Mo	oldSCO	ORE	254

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### MoldSCORE<sup>™</sup>: Spore Trap Report

#### Location: 3 Non-complaint area

Fungi Identified	Indo	or san	iple spo	res/m3	raw	spores/m3					
	<100	1K	10K	>1001	count		100	)	200	300	Score
Generally able to grow indoors*											
Alternaria					ND	< 13					100
Bipolaris/Drechslera group					ND	< 13					100
Chaetomium					ND	< 13					100
Cladosporium					8	107					100
Epicoccum					1	13					102
Penicillium/Aspergillus types <sup>+</sup>					ND	< 13					100
Stachybotrys					ND	< 13					100
Seldom found growing indoors**											
Ascospores††					4	53					117
Basidiospores <sup>††</sup>					4	53					104
Rusts					ND	< 13					100
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes††					2	27					102
Total						253	F	inal	MoldS	CORE	104

\*The spores in this category are generally capable of growing on wet building materials in addition to growing outdoors. Building related growth is dependent upon the fungal type, moisture level, type of material, and other factors. *Cladosporium* is one of the predominant spore types worldwide and is frequently present in high numbers. *Penicillium/Aspergillus* species colonize both outdoor and indoor wet surfaces rapidly and are very easily dispersed. Other genera are usually present in lesser numbers.

\*\*These fungi are generally not found growing on wet building materials. For example, the rusts and smuts are obligate plant pathogens. However, in each group there are notable exceptions. For example, agents of wood decay are members of the basidiomycetes and high counts of a single morphological type of basidiospore on an inside sample should be considered significant.

<sup>†</sup>The spores of Aspergillus and Penicillium (and others such as Acremonium, Paecilomyces) are small and round with very few distinguishing characteristics. They cannot be differentiated by non-viable sampling methods.

††Most of these spore types are not seen with culturable methods (Anderson sampling), although some may appear as non-sporulating fungi. Most of the basidiospores are "mushroom" spores.

‡Rated on a scale from 100 to 300. A rating less than 150 is low and indicates a low probability of spores originating inside. A rating greater than 250 is high and indicates a high probability that the spores originated from inside, presumably from indoor mold growth. A rating between 150 and 250 indicates a moderate likelihood of indoor fungal growth. MoldSCORE is NOT intended for wall cavity samples. It is intended for ambient air samples in residences. Using the analysis on other samples (like wall cavity samples) will lead to misleading results.