



Mold Awareness

By RMEHS

Objectives

Basics of mold

Mold properties

What you can do

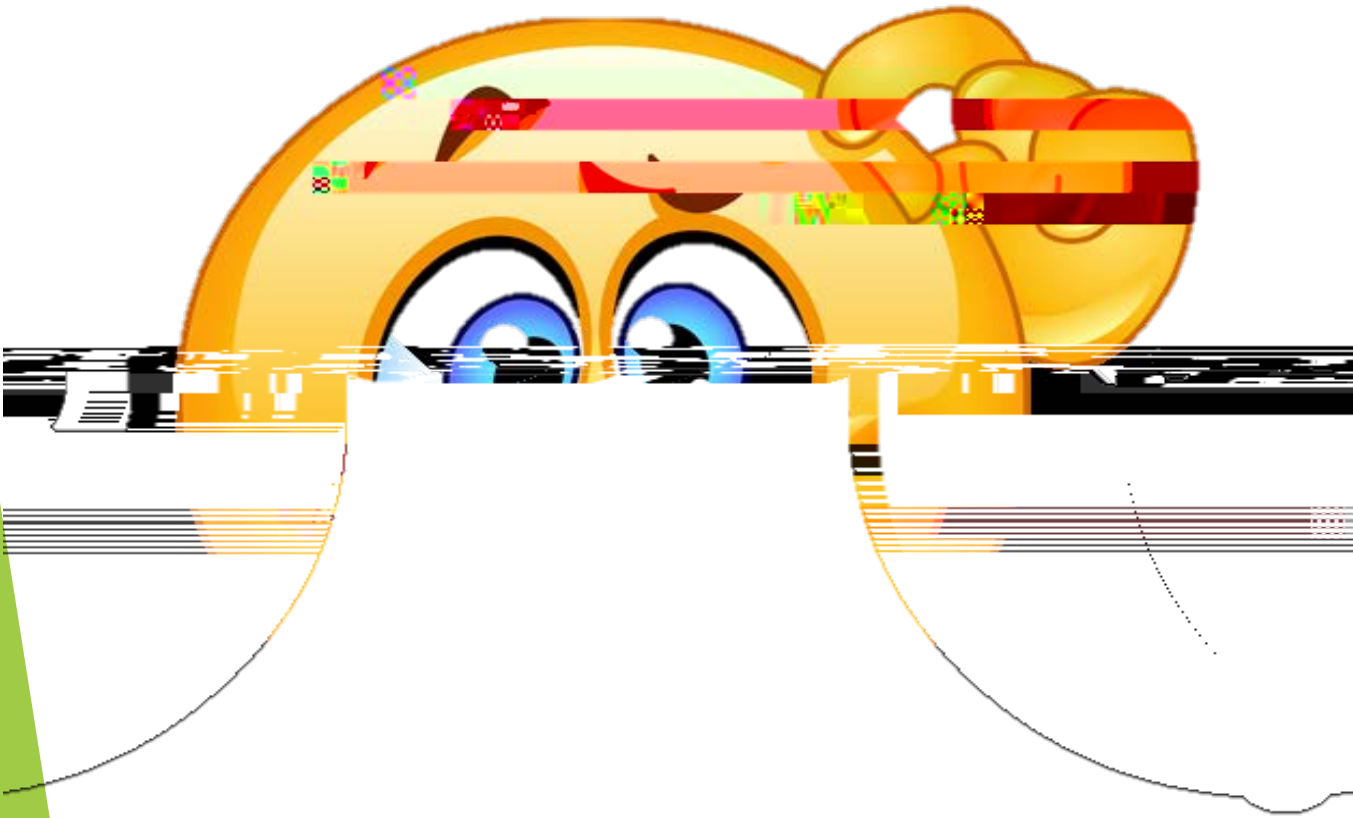
Health hazards associated with mold



BASICS OF MOLD

The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. These shapes are primarily located on the right side of the slide, creating a modern, layered effect. The rest of the slide is a plain white background.

SO MOLD IS GOOD, RIGHT??

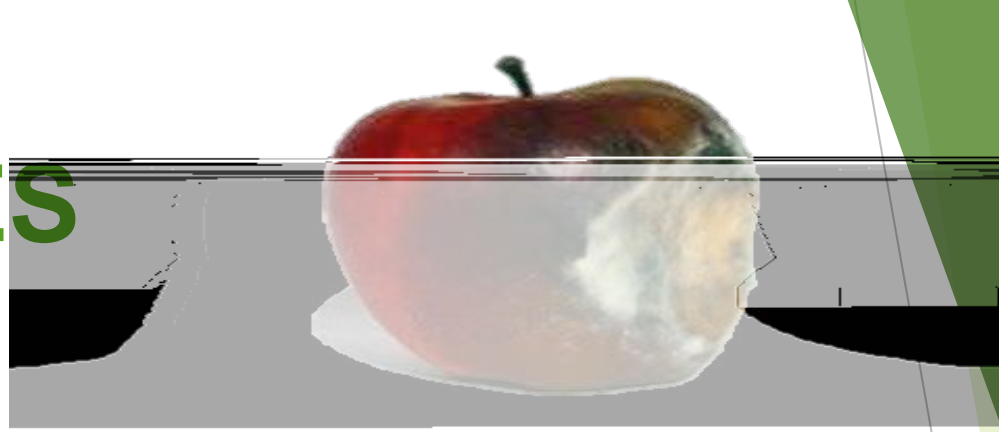


There are over 100,000 known species of fungus and more than 1000 of them are found in North American Households!

Can I just avoid all mold?

- **NO!!**
- **Mold is ubiquitous!!**
- **Mold is everywhere
you go!**

MOLD PROPERTIES



- Molds and mildews are fungi that grow on **surfaces** and on deteriorating materials.
- These molds survive by digesting **organic** material-Mold can't grow in metal or concrete
- Molds need moisture and **nutrients** to grow
- When outside, molds help the environment by assisting in the natural decay of dead plant matter. They gradually **destroy** the things they grow on.

ACT FAST...Mold will continue to grow! (cleanup)

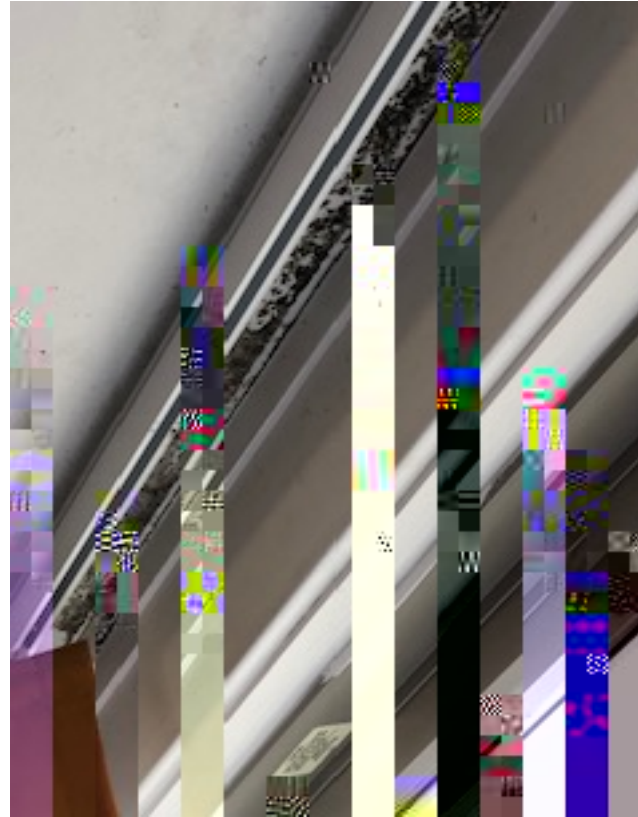
- Address the moisture problem or place a work order through School Dude
- Wipe mold off of hard surfaces with detergent and water, and dry completely
- Clorox wipes are a great convenient tool to wipe surface mold/mildew
- If the material is absorbent or porous (carpet, drywall), it may have to be thrown out if it becomes moldy
- Do not paint/caulk over moldy surfaces
- Limit exposure-always use a wet method of cleanup



Examples in Our Dorms



Mold on Inside of Curtain

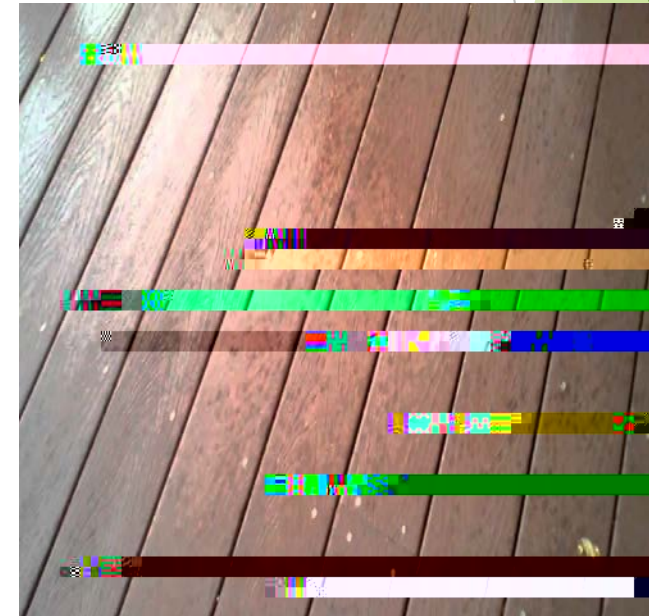


Mold On Curtain Track

Need to encourage students to open curtains to prevent collection of moisture in between surfaces. Moisture gets trapped!

CONTRIBUTORS TO MOLD SPORE GROWTH

- Defective construction materials or application
- Leaking material joints/improper flashing or caulking
- Dirty/dusty environments
- Bug and rodent feces
- Poor drainage
- Flood damaged buildings



HEALTH EFFECTS

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Final Remarks...

PLEASE stress the importance of good housekeeping!

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION

- For any additional questions, feel free to contact me.

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