Checklist for Mold Remediation

Investigate and evaluate moisture and mold problems

☐ Assess size of moldy area (square feet)
☐ Consider the possibility of hidden mold
☐ Clean up small mold problems and fix moisture problems before they become large problems
☐ Select remediation manager for medium or large size mold problem
☐ Investigate areas associated with occupant complaints
☐ Identify source(s) or cause of water or moisture problem(s)
☐ Note type of water-damaged materials (wallboard, carpet, etc.)
☐ Check inside air ducts and air handling unit
☐ Throughout process, consult qualified professional if necessary or desired

Communicate with building occupants at all stages of process, as appropriate

☐ Designate contact person for questions and comments about medium or large scale remediation as needed

Plan Remediation

☐ Adapt or modify remediation guidelines to fit your situation; use professional judgment
☐ Plan to dry wet, non-moldy materials within 48 hours to prevent mold growth (see Table 1 and text)
☐ Select cleanup methods for moldy items (see Table 2 and text)
☐ Select Personal Protection Equipment - protect remediators (see Table 2 and text)
☐ Select containment equipment - protect building, occupants (see Table 2 and text)
☐ Select remediation personnel who have the experience and training needed to implement the remediation plan and use Personal Protective Equipment and containment as appropriate

Remediate moisture and mold problems

☐ Fix moisture problem, implement repair plan and/or maintenance plan
☐ Dry wet, non-moldy materials within 48 hours to prevent mold growth
☐ Clean and dry mold materials (see Table 2 and text)
☐ Discard moldy porous items that can’t be cleaned (see Table 2 and text)
Questions to Consider Before Remediating

- Are there existing moisture problems in the building?
- Have building materials been wet more than 48 hours? (See Table 2 and text)
- Are there hidden sources of water or is the humidity too high (high enough to cause condensation)?
- Are building occupants reporting musty or moldy odors?
- Are building occupants reporting health problems?
- Are building materials or furnishings visibly damaged?
- Has maintenance been delayed or the maintenance plan been altered?
- Has the building been recently remodeled or has building use changed?
- Is consultation with medical or health professionals indicated?

Avoid Exposure to and Contact with Mold

- Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

For more information

- www.epa.gov/mold

For details, see text (of Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings). Please note that this checklist was designed to highlight key parts of a school or commercial building remediation and does not list all potential steps or problems.