



**Customer Name:** AGX, Inc. **Sample Date:** September 4, 2019  
**Customer Address:** 207 Pine Creek Road **Date Received:** September 5, 2019  
 Wexford, PA 15090 **Date of Report:** September 6, 2019  
**Customer Phone:** (724) 934-4249 **Fax:**  
**PO Number:** **Attention:** Amber Brancolini  
**Project Name/Number:** Emily Brittain Elementary

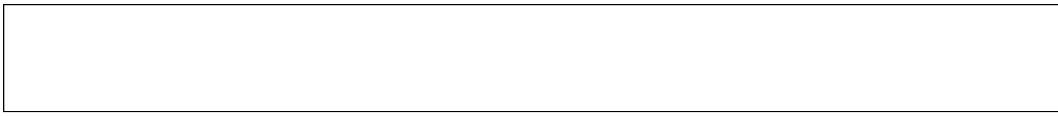
Customer sample numbers below are uniquely identified by prefixing Laboratory # 98775-19

Airborne Spore Trap Analysis - AllergencoD  
 Analytical Method: USMS-M008

Total Volume (L)	75				75				75			
	EB-LIB-05				EB-SPEECH-06				EB-OUT-07			
Sample Number	Library				Speech Office				Outside			
Location:	Raw ct.	AS	Spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%	Raw ct.	AS	Spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%	Raw ct.	AS	Spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%
Alternaria									1	13	13	1%
Ascospores	1	13	13	13%					40	13	520	21%
Aspergillus/Penicillium-like	1	13	13	13%	3	13	39	23%				
Basidiospores	4	13	52	50%	6	13	78	46%	71	13	923	37%
Bipolaris/Drechslera												
Cercospora									1	13	13	1%
Chaetomium												
Cladosporium	2	13	26	25%	4	13	52	31%	68	13	884	35%
Curvularia												
Epicoccum									1	13	13	1%
Helicomyces												
Nigrospora												
Oidium												
Pithomyces/Ulocladium									2	13	26	1%
Polythrincium												
Rusts									8	13	104	4%
Smuts/ Myxomycetes									2	13	26	1%
Stachybotrys												
Torula												
Trichoderma												
Unidentified dematiaceous conidia												
Unidentified hyaline conidia												
<b>Total Mold (Spores/m<sup>3</sup> of air)</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>104</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>169</b>		<b>194</b>		<b>2,522</b>	
<b>Pollen</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>&lt; 13</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>&lt; 13</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>&lt; 13</b>	
<b>Hyphal Fragments</b>									<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>Insect Fragments</b>												
<b>Plant Fragments</b>												
<b>Skin Cell Fragments</b>			<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>	
<b>Debris</b>			<b>2</b>				<b>2</b>				<b>1</b>	
<b>Analyst Initials</b>			LS				LS				LS	
<b>Date Analyzed</b>			09/05/19				09/05/19				09/05/19	
<b>Cassette Serial # / Exp Date:</b>			2931369 03/2020				2931384 03/2020				2931389 03/2020	

Entire trace analyzed. Results relate only to the samples tested. Results are reported as calculated. For biological data, the first and/or second digit should be considered significant. Total percentage may not equal 100% due to rounding. Percentages reported as 0% are greater than 0 and less than 0.5%. The *Aspergillus/Penicillium*-like category cannot be differentiated by non-viable sampling methods.  
 AS=Analytical Sensitivity (spore/m<sup>3</sup>); Blank Lines = None Detected

When providing duplicates of this report, the document should be provided in total and not in section in accordance with AIHA-LAP, LLC. Any unauthorized or improper disclosure, copying, distribution, use, or falsification of these results is prohibited. USMS shall have no liability to the Customer or the Customer's customer for opinions stated, recommendations made, actions taken, or conduct implemented based on the test results reported.



Technical Manager: *Sharon Fanchalsky*  
 Sharon Fanchalsky, AS, MLT (ASCP)

## SPORE TRAP INTERPRETATION TIPS

Currently there are no numeric standards for indoor airborne or surface microbial contamination. Suggested guidelines are constantly being reviewed and updated as more information is collected.

Some common denominators should be considered when interpreting results:

1. Comparison of indoor/outdoor concentration ratios.
2. Complaint vs. non-complaint areas or affected vs. non-affected areas.
3. Consider air exchange rates and activity levels in a building structure, weather, and season of the year.
4. Rank order assessment and concentration (e.g. Spores/m<sup>3</sup> of air) of the fungi.
5. Predominant fungal genera: Are there water indicator microorganisms present, such as but not limited to: *Chaetomium*, *Stachybotrys*, *Rhodotorula*, *Trichoderma*, and *Scopulariopsis*.
6. Generally the fungal counts indoors should be lower than outdoor counts and the types of fungi found indoors should be similar to outdoors.
7. There is always a potential bias from infiltration of outdoor air, poor housekeeping, excessive indoor relative humidity, or potential contamination sources (e.g. water intrusion through a basement wall) that may negatively influence post remedial verification (PRV) or clearance levels.
8. The investigator should look for various patterns among the indoor types of molds detected:
  - a. Increased levels of primary (1st) colonizers in damp or moisture intrusion areas of homes or commercial buildings: ***Aspergillus/Penicillium*** or ***Cladosporium*** are usually noted.
  - b. ***Chaetomium*** or ***Stachybotrys*** are tertiary (3rd) colonizers of indoor materials and are usually associated with chronic long standing water/moisture issues in a building.
  - c. The presence of **hyphal fragments** or **fruiting structures** noted on spore trap samples usually indicates amplification (growth) of fungi on building substrates.
  - d. **Ascospores** and **basidiospores** noted on indoors spore trap samples most often represent the entrance of inadequately filtered outdoor air. During inclement weather, remember to note time, temperature, and season. Most indoor materials will not support the growth of these fungi.
9. When unidentified hyaline (clear) or dematiaceous (dark-pigmented) conidia are noted on a spore trap sample, it indicates that no particular fungus can be identified. These fungal conidia may represent such yeast-like fungi as *Aureobasidium*, *Sporidiobolus*, unidentifiable *Acremonium* species, Basidiomycetes (basidiospores), and Ascomycetes (ascospores).
10. Keep in mind when interpreting spore trap sample reports, that indoor levels may be higher than corresponding outdoor levels (winter time in the Northern U.S.) with a predominance of *Aspergillus/Penicillium* or *Cladosporium* conidia with no significant amplification of any molds.

## SPORE TRAP GUIDELINES FOR INDOOR MICROBIAL CONTAMINATION

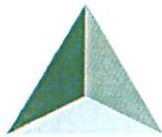
DEBRIS RATING for SPORE TRAP ANALYSIS (using 600X magnification) (Air-O-Cell, Micro 5, Allergenco D, Cyclex d, VersaTrap, etc.)		
DEBRIS RATING	CONDITIONS FOR REPORTING DEBRIS RATING	SIGNIFICANCE
0	A visible trace, including particulates and debris, is not observed.	Indicates the sample was a blank, the area is exceptionally clean, or improper sampling occurred.
1	Debris is present and <10% of the average viewing field is obscured.	Minimal amount of debris is observed.
2	Debris is present and 10% to <40% of the average viewing field is obscured.	Low amount of debris is observed, counts may be affected.
3*	Debris is present and 40% to 75% of the average viewing field is obscured.	Moderate amount of debris is observed, counts of conidia/hyphal fragments may be underestimated.
4*	Debris is present and >75% of the average viewing field is obscured.	High amount of debris is observed, counts are estimated.
5* See Relative Abundance chart below	Excessive debris is present	Periphery of trace analyzed. Relative amounts of conidia/hyphal fragments noted. Suggest recollection.
6	Slide completely obscured by excessive debris.	Unable to analyze. Recollect sample.

\* A rating of 3 or greater indicates that the accuracy of the analysis is likely affected.

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE of OBSERVED CONIDIA & HYPHAL FRAGMENTS	
RATING	Relative Amounts of Observed Fungal Structures per high power field (600X)
Rare	0-1
Few	2 to 5
Moderate	6 to 10
Many	11 to 100
Numerous	>100

SKIN CELL ANALYSIS	
SKIN CELL RATING	Relative Amounts of Observed Skin Cells per high power field (600X)
0	No skin cells present
1	0-1
2	2 to 5
3	6 to 10
4	11 to 15
5	≥16

**\*End of Report\***



# U.S. Micro-Solutions, Inc.

302 Unity Plaza  
Latrobe, PA 15650  
PH: 724-853-4047 FAX: 724-853-4049

supplies@usmslab.com



## LABORATORY TEST REQUEST - CHAIN OF CUSTODY

Customer Name: AGX Inc.	Phone #: 724-934-4249	FAX #: 724-934-5677
Address: 207 Pine Creek Road	City: Wexford	State: PA Zip: 15090
Attention To: Amber Brancolini	E-Mail: abrancolini@agxinc.com	
Sample Obtained By: Amber Brancolini	Results: <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail	PO# Proposal #
Project Name/Number: <u>Emily Brittain Elementary</u>		
Turn-Around-Time: (Spore Trap & DME Only)*	Standard (48-72 hr) <input type="checkbox"/>	Next Day (24 hr, M-F) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Same Day (6 hr, M-F) <input type="checkbox"/>	3-Hour (M-F) <input type="checkbox"/>
		Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Sample #	Sample Date / Time	Sample Code	Analysis Code	Sample Location & Description	Sample Volume/Area
EB-Lib-05	9-4-19	ST	SPT	Library	75 L
EB-Speech-06	↓	↓	↓	Speech Office	↓
EB-Out-07	↓	↓	↓	Outside	↓

Relinquished By (Customer MUST sign) <u>Amber Brancolini</u>	Date & Time <u>9-4-19 / 5:10 pm</u>
Received By - Lab Use Only <u>Kel</u>	Date & Time <u>09/05/19 11:20</u>
	Lab # <u>98715-19</u>

Rev. 12-14-17

Sample Code	
A	Air Plate
B	Bulk
ST	Spore Trap
S	Swab
W	Water
T	Tape
O	Other

Analysis Code			
DME	Direct Microscopic Exam	HPC	Heterotrophic Plate Count
SPT	Spore Trap <u>Ad</u>	MYC	Mycobacteria Culture
FUNG	Fungal Culture - Counts w/ ID of top 3 organisms	STA	Staphylococcus / MRSA Culture
BACT	Bacterial Culture - Counts w/ ID of top 3 organisms	DUO	Duodenoscope Culture
SSQT	Sewage Screen (quant) - Counts w/ Identification <i>E. coli, coliforms, enterococci (fecal streptococci)</i>	HCU	Heater/Cooler Water Culture <i>includes mycobacteria, HPC, coliforms, &amp; P. aeruginosa</i>
SSQL	Sewage Screen (qualitative) - Identification of <i>E. coli, coliforms, enterococci (fecal streptococci)</i>	PSA	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> Culture
COL	Colilert - Presence/absence of <i>E. coli, coliforms</i>	IDS	Species Identification by MALDI-TOF

\*All samples received after 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday will be considered received the NEXT business day.  
Same Day and Next Day samples received on Saturday will be reported on Monday and Tuesday, respectively.