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RESULTS SUMMARY

On September 8, 2025, Environmental Consultant Daniel J. McGrath from ARAM Env. Testing finished performing visuals and direct examination Air-O-Cell mold sampling at the Center School in Mattapoisett, MA. The highest Total Fungi Raw count collected indoor was 129 and was collected in D250. Although it was the highest, it is still a very low level. All other areas tested fell well below that level. The outside Total Fungi Raw count was 307.

Most Current EPA guidelines state that any indoor Total Fungi Raw count that is 100 above the outdoor control level, constitutes a mold issue. At this time, in all areas tested, there are no areas which constitute an EPA guideline mold issue.

If you were to follow the American Industrial Hygiene Association's (AIHA) recommendation, a count equal to or over of 10,000 s/m³ is considered "probable contamination". The room D250 was 5,330 s/m³. Again, at this time, in all areas tested, there are no areas which constitute an AIHA guideline mold issue.

A total of ten (10) air-o-cell indoor air samples were collected. The areas tested include hallways, classrooms, and other common areas. The areas tested are considered a good overall representation of the building. One (1) outdoor sample was collected for a control level comparison. Once again, it is the opinion of ARAM Env. Testing that when following EPA and AIHA's guidelines, all areas tested are safe for occupancy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

After reviewing the lab report from EMSL, as well as my visual inspection, my recommendations are as follows:

All air levels were low and no visible mold was found, If any stained ceiling tiles are discovered, they should be inspected for visible mold growth and replaced as necessary.

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Although mold is a naturally occurring event and there is no way to guarantee a mold-free environment without taking extraordinary housekeeping, mechanical, and HVAC related measures, the recommendations below, will guarantee a much safer environment.

ANY FUTURE WATER INTRUSION ISSUES MUST BE SOLVED IMMEDIATELY.

Any wetted or stained ceiling tiles, cardboard boxes or paperwork should be removed from the area immediately .

Any standing water should be vacuumed immediately.

All surfaces and remaining items should be HEPA-vacuumed, cleaned with a fungicide mold cleaner and HEPA-vacuumed again.

Any areas affected should be misted and encapsulated to eliminate airborne mold spores.

This should be done by a mold remediation contractor under negative pressure.

Relative humidity levels should be kept no higher than 45%.

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