

SUGGESTED ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING FOR MOLDS (FUNGI) AND MYCOTOXINS

NOTE: THE INDIVIDUAL TAKING THE SPECIMEN(S) SHOULD WEAR A PAIR OF LATEX GLOVES (NOT PROVIDED IN THE KIT) TO PREVENT ANY CONTAMINATION.

SAMPLES:

1. Any visible mold should be sampled first using swab or gauze (provided in the kit).
2. Any areas of suspected leaks or evidence of water damage either present or past should be considered for sampling as well.
The following procedures listed below are suggested for sampling if you are not sure of #1 and # 2.
3. **Dust from air conditioner filters** (preferred) approximately 1-3 grams (a thimble full). Samples should be placed in a biohazard bag (provided in the kit) or a clean baggie.
4. **Dust from vents** (furnace grates or AC grates) approx. 1-3 grams (a thimble full) using a cotton swab (enclosed), which should be dampened with tap water, then rolled over the vents or a sterile 3 x 3 inch sterile gauze (supplied in the kit). Samples should be placed in a biohazard bag or a clean baggie.
5. **3" x 3" (½ the size of a normal credit card) portion of a furnace filter or AC filter.** Samples should be placed in a biohazard bag or a clean baggie.
6. **3" x 3" (½ the size of a normal credit card) portion of suspected drywall.** Avoid painted surfaces. Samples should be placed in a biohazard bag or a clean baggie.
7. **Other suggestions:** vacuum dust and dust on top of shelves, under refrigerators and areas that are not often cleaned.

Composite Testing: At your request we can combine up to three samples and run them as a composite. Pricing for composite testing is the same as a single sample testing. Please indicate very clearly if you are ordering single or composite testing.

SHIPPING INFORMATION: Each sample or group of samples must be accompanied by a Chain of Custody (COC) form and a Credit Card Authorization or check / money order. **NO TESTING WILL BE INITIATED WITHOUT CHAIN OF CUSTODY AND PAYMENT.** Place biohazard bag or baggie and all paperwork in a shipping envelope and deliver to a FEDEX drop-off location for free two-day shipping. Samples may be sent overnight at the customer's expense.

TURN AROUND TIME: Once the sample is received in the lab and accessioned without any issues or holds, the results will be available and sent via email (provided on COC for results) within 7-10 business days.

If you have questions regarding your test results, please schedule a consultation with our technical staff on our website at www.realtimelab.com. For any further questions, call RTL at 972-492-0419.