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COMMON INDOOR MOLDS AND HEALTH HAZARDS

Mold & Fungi Species	Health Impact	Where Found
Alternaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Asthma ◆ Eye infections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Aging plants ◆ Cellulose tiles and wall paper
Aspergillus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fumigatus ◆ Flavus ◆ Niger 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Severe allergic lung disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Decaying leaves ◆ Damp lining of HVAC systems ◆ Warm environments
Cladosporium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Very common allergenic responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Where freestanding water is available ◆ Tile grout, bathroom sealants ◆ Ceiling with condensed water from piping
Penicillium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fungal infections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cold temperatures ◆ Refrigerated food spoilage ◆ Very common in air
Mucor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pathogenic rarely ◆ Systemic infections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Grow on sugar and starches
Cryptococcus Neoformans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Infections ◆ Can progress to meningitis ◆ Target AIDS patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pigeon and chicken droppings ◆ Guano fertilizer
Histoplasma Capsulatum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Infections ◆ TB – like lung disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Soil containing bird and bat droppings
Stachybotrys Chartarum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Debatable/health effects ◆ Fatigue, rashes, headache, nausea, coughing, diarrhea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Damp cellulose materials ◆ Greenish black appearance ◆ Water damaged areas

