# Facility Services Maintenance

## Cleaning Surface Mold Growth on Hard Surfaces

**Level III: Large Isolated Areas** (30 - 100 sq. ft.) – e.g., several wallboard panels

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<th>HAZARDS</th>
<th>CONTROLS</th>
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<td>1. Inspect for all visible mold and outline scope of work for removal.</td>
<td>Improper scope of work</td>
<td>- Contact EHS for direction or inspection assistance.</td>
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<td>2. The work area and areas directly adjacent should be unoccupied. Conduct after hours, if possible. Removing people from spaces near the work area is recommended for infants (less than 12 months old), persons recovering from recent surgery, immune-suppressed people, or people with chronic inflammatory lung diseases (e.g., asthma, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, and severe allergies).</td>
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<td>- Open line of communication with occupants and building contacts.</td>
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<td>3. Gather PPE and cleaning materials</td>
<td>Personal exposure and incomplete cleaning</td>
<td>- Proper PPE (see below) and cleaning materials</td>
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Dust suppression methods, such as misting (not soaking) surfaces prior to remediation, are recommended.

Seal ventilation ducts/grills in the work area and areas directly adjacent with plastic sheeting.

a) Operate HEPA Air scrubber in the contaminated area
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c) Clean all visible mold with plain water or with water and detergent solution.
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<th>• Replace wiping cloths frequently to prevent re-contamination • Inspect area to ensure that all visible mold has been removed</th>
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7. Place all used cleaning materials in trash bags, tie bags and dispose of in regular trash

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**Required Training:**
1. Mold Remediation  
2. PPE  
3. Ladder Safety  
4. Respiratory Protection

**Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**
1. Protective gloves  
2. Eye protection  
3. Tyvek suit if needed (EHS will advise)  
4. N-95 Respirator
Other Information:

This JSA applies to: 1) Surfaces such as metal, plastic, vinyl, glass, and solid building materials and 2) Only surface cleaning and not aggressive remediation methods that create airborne mold spores such as removal/demolition of building materials. For areas 130 – 100 sq. ft. 3
Reference: A Brief Guide to Mold in the Workplace, OSHA, Updated 11-08-13

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