

Kennedy Supplee Mansion

Mold Disclosure and Release of Claims

A visual inspection of the interior of the Kennedy Supplee Mansion has found numerous areas throughout the building that contain mold. Although specific sample testing has not been conducted, based on the visual inspections, the possibility of mold containing mycotoxins (eg. Stachybotrys) may be present. Mold concentrations are different throughout the building ranging from Level 1 (small isolated areas) to Level 4 (extensive contamination). Park personnel must adhere to the Valley Forge NHP Respiratory and Mold SOP's when entering the building. Prospective lessees and their contractors, inspectors, and other personnel are encouraged to use proper personnel protective equipment when entering the building by either utilizing their company's Respiratory Plan or adopting Valley Forge National Historic Park's plan.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING MOLD AND ITS ASSOCIATED HEALTH EFFECTS

Background Information: Molds are fungi found in almost every environment, indoors and outdoors, year round. There are thought to be between 10,000 and 300,000 types of mold. They grow best in warm, damp, and humid conditions; however, mold spores can also survive in harsh environmental conditions. Mold growth may recur if conditions become favorable.

In general, the documents reviewed for this plan conclude that testing for mold has very little use and is not recommended

Potential Health Effects: Health effects can be caused by mold, mold spores, or mycotoxins excreted by mold. Not all molds are harmful to human beings. Health Effects range from minor respiratory system irritation to more serious acute allergenic response that may be life threatening to sensitized individuals. At-risk groups include the young, the old, and immune-compromised individuals. Typical health problems may include:

- Allergic reaction
- Asthma attacks
- Fungal Infections
- Sinus infections
- Fatigue
- Irritation to skin, nose, throat, and lungs

RELEASE OF CLAIMS

The United States, its agents and employees shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, injuries, or death to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether to the person or property of the undersigned, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said Kennedy Supplee Mansion premises or any part thereof. The undersigned hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the United States, its agents and employees from all liabilities, charges, expenses and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, deaths, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of the same.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____