



## Voluntary Mold Inspection Program

Mold is a common and naturally occurring organism that is present everywhere. There are many types of mold, and while only a few types are considered hazardous, our residents' safety and well being are our primary concern. Because mold can be difficult to detect and identify, the NMSU Department of Housing & Residential Life offers an inspection program initiated at a resident's request. We encourage you to request an inspection if you believe mold is present in your unit or if you just want "peace of mind".

### Mold Inspection Program Steps

#### How Do I Request an Inspection?

To request an inspection, place a Work Request through our online system available on the housing website. In the "Request" box, please enter "Request Mold Inspection". If you have already placed a Work Request related to mold, you do not need to enter a second request.

#### Schedule an Appointment

You will receive a phone call by the next working day to schedule your inspection. Although most inspections will be scheduled between 8:00am and 5:00pm weekdays, a limited number can be accomplished evenings and Saturday mornings. Please allow about 30 minutes for your inspection.

#### Prepare for Your Inspection

Because mold can grow anywhere there is moisture, inspectors will need to be able to access corners, closets, baseboards, cabinets, behind water heaters, etc. Please take time to move any furniture and belongings so that our inspectors can freely access as many areas in your unit as possible. Bathrooms, kitchens and closets are of particular concern.

#### If Mold is Located

Should our inspector locate mold in your unit, additional steps will be necessary. Those next steps will be determined by a variety of considerations, including the quantity of mold, size and location of the affected area, the type(s) of mold identified, your unit conditions and your circumstances.

- If the amount of mold is significant and your unit conditions are conducive to the continued growth of mold, the Housing Office will initiate further testing and air sampling by the NMSU Office of Environmental Health Safety to determine the best course of action.
- If the amount/types of mold and conditions present do not require further testing, the Housing Department (within one business day) will provide either one-time cleaning of the affected area or provide the resident with the supplies and products to clean the area.

#### Follow Up

The Department of Housing and Residential Life will schedule a follow up inspection to be conducted within 5 business days to help ensure that the mold has been eliminated and that conditions favorable to the growth of mold do not exist.