

Mold in Stamford Public Schools

Creation of the Mold Task Force: Building on significant investigative and remediation work that had already been completed in fifteen of Stamford's public school sites, Board of Education President David Mannis, Superintendent Earl Kim, and Mayor David Martin announced the formation of a Mold Task Force. The Mold Task Force is charged with investigating, developing and implementing comprehensive remediation efforts, and focusing on monitoring programs once remediation is complete.

The members of the Task Force are: Michael Handler, Director of Administration, Cindy Grafstein, Interim Director of Operations, Tamu Lucero, Deputy Superintendent, Clarence Zachery, Chief Financial and Operations Officer, and Lou Casolo, City Engineer.

Protocol for Reporting Mold: If you suspect mold in any area of your building, you should report those suspicions and/or evidence to the Mold Task Force via email at moldtaskforce@stamfordct.gov. Please be sure to copy SEA President Diane Phanos on any email sent to the task force. Her email address is presidentsea@optonline.net.

Protocol to Follow if You Suspect You are Suffering Symptoms of Mold Exposure: If you feel that you are suffering the adverse physical impacts of mold exposure, report it to your principal, get the necessary workers' compensation forms from your building's workers' compensation administrator, and seek immediate medical attention from one of the first treatment centers*. Your administrator should release you from your assignment to report to one of the centers. Once you have gone to a workers' compensation first treatment center, you should also complete Form 30C, State of CT Workers' Compensation Notice of Claim for Compensation form. To access a copy of the form click on the following link:

<https://www.wcc.state.ct.us/download/acrobat/30c.pdf>

The 30C Form must be sent by registered or certified mail to both your employer and the Workers' Compensation Commission District Office which has jurisdiction over the city or town in which you were injured or became ill, NOT the town in which you live. Stamford's District Office is located at 111 High Ridge Road #3, Stamford, CT 06905. You must ask for a return receipt from the post office as proof of the date that it was received. You may also deliver it in person. If you do, you must have your employer sign and date the form as proof of receipt. **If you are an SEA member, you should then contact our CEA attorney, Melanie Kolek, at melaniek@cea.org, using your personal email. Melanie is the designated CEA attorney for workers' compensation matters.**

*The first treatment centers are:

AFC Urgent Care-Stamford
Stamford
3000 Summer St.
Stamford, CT 06905
203-969-2000

Greenwich Occupational Health Services-
2015 West Main St. 2nd Floor
Stamford, CT 06902
203-863-3483

If you have any questions/concerns, please call the SEA office at 203-324-2602.