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How To Collect Tape Lift Samples For Mould Testing

Read completely before proceeding

1) Remove the wax paper with the tapes from the bag and set to the side.
2) Fill out the label on the bag.
3) Grasp one of the tapes by the folded end and peel from the wax paper**.** **Grasp the tape only by the folded ends.** Avoid touching the sticky side by holding the piece of tape by the edges. The tape should be clear and approximately 2-3 inches long.
4) Press the tape gently onto the surface you wish to test for mold growth.
5) Peel the tape off surface **holding the tape by the edges only**.
6) Apply sticky side of tape to the inside of the wax paper. **Do not fold the tape.**
7) Repeat steps 3 to 6 with 1 or 2 more pieces of tape.
8) Place the wax paper with the tape samples into the bag and close the seal (put only one sample per bag – one sample being from one area/type of mould).
9) Fill in the chain of custody form and transport it together with the samples to NNL. It is not necessary to keep the sample(s) refrigerated.
10) Standard Turn-Around-Time of results is 7 business days. Priority work may incur a surcharge. Contact the laboratory for details if priority work is required.
11) Contact the laboratory and report the time and method of shipment.

Reference:
MBL – Mold & Bacteria Consulting Laboratories