

Cladosporium

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A genus of mold which can be found within indoor environments.

Cladosporium is the most common of the so-called black molds. It produces a black pigment that protects it from ultraviolet light. This characteristic as well as its growth and dispersal characteristics is likely responsible for its presence and abundance in the environment.

Clinical Information

- Certain species are pathogenic (harmful to human health) and it sometimes causes severe illness to those who are affected.
- Causes severe infections when it comes in contact with small cuts or abrasions on the skin.
- Prolonged exposure can weaken the immune system allowing opportunistic bacteria and viruses to infect the host.
- Cladosporium may be linked to some cases of impotence.
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) are attributed to this mold at certain stages of its existence.
- It produces no major mycotoxins of concern.
- Airborne molds such as [Cladosporium](#) not only cause severe allergies but in large amounts can severely effect asthmatics and persons with other restrictive airway diseases.

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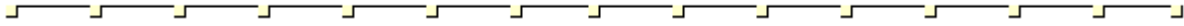
Here are some simple actions you can take to reduce energy costs, improve comfort, and reduce air pollution in your home or other building:

1. Use a powered exhaust system on any device that burns fuel indoors.
2. Eliminate the need for air leakage through your home's building envelope by using [mechanical ventilation](#) to supply as much fresh filtered air as you want.
3. [Seal air leaks](#) in the building's envelope to block entry of microbes, allergens, toxins, irritants, insects, and cold drafts.
4. [Insulate the walls and attic](#) as much, or more than, recommended for your local climate.

5. [Control indoor air pressure](#) to:

- a) Minimize entry of radon and water vapor from the soil.
- b) Keep insulation effective and mold-free by minimizing leakage of moist air through walls and attics that have been cooled by winter weather..

These actions will make your home a [safer shelter](#) if an accident, or a terrorist, releases chemical, biological or radiological substances upwind of your home.



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