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Germs Can Live In Dirt

Know where germs live to stop spread and protect patients.

Where are the Risks?

- Germs live in dirt and soil. The fungus, Aspergillus, a common germ that can live in dirt, can cause serious illness in some patients who don't have strong immune systems or whose lungs are damaged. Know where germs live to stop spread and protect patients.
- Building construction can send dirt and the germs in it into the air, which can then get inside a healthcare facility.
- Smaller construction and maintenance projects inside a building – like taking out parts of a wall, removing ceiling tiles, or renovating a room – can also create dust that has germs in it.

Germs that Live on Devices

- Aspergillus
- Cryptococcus

Healthcare Tasks Involving Skin

- Construction
- Renovation

Infection Control Action to Reduce Risk

- Cleaning and disinfection
- Ventilation
- Using barriers and other types of construction containment
- Hand hygiene

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Learn how to prevent the spread of infections with CDC infection control trainings, posters, and resources.



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Office Hours Call Link:

Join us! Office hours are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am CST. Each month we focus on an Infection Prevention tip. *Learn, share, network!*

The **South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care** is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89402993770?pwd=NkVyMVQwVFdjQlR0N0FjMhMmckZwUT09#success>