

# Buying a home? Get a mold test.

## EVERY HOME SHOULD BE TESTED FOR MOLD

According to Dr. John D. Shane, Vice President of Laboratory services of PRO-LAB millions of homes across America have hidden water leaks that are promoting mold growth that can expose homeowners to mold spores. Mold has a potential to cause health problems like allergies, irritation (to lungs, eyes, skin, throat, nose) and are potentially toxic. Inhaling and touching mold spores may cause allergic reactions in sensitive individuals and normally healthy individuals may become sensitive to mold after exposure.

The EPA states that, "It is important to take precautions to limit your exposure to mold and mold spores. Avoid breathing in mold or mold spores". The EPA also recommends that if you suspect you have a hidden mold problem you should consider hiring an experienced professional to avoid exposure to potentially massive doses of mold spores.

Mold damages what it grows on. The longer it grows the more damage it can cause. If there is a mold problem in your home, you should clean up the mold promptly. Mold can be hidden, growing on the water from a hidden leak, and can develop into a potentially large problem if not caught in time.

Testing your home on a regular basis is a prudent way to prevent small problems from growing into a costly and unhealthy situation, and always avoid exposing yourself and others to mold.

To find an inspector who offers mold testing services visit the International Association of Certified Indoor Air Consultants at [www.iac2.org/members.php](http://www.iac2.org/members.php)

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About Dr. Shane

NATIONS LEADING MYCOLOGIST JOINS PRO-LAB®

(Weston, FL) March 14, 2006 -- **Dr. John D. Shane**, a respected authority in the field of environmental mycology with over 25 years experience in fungal spore analysis, teaching, research, and laboratory management, joins the PRO-LAB team. Dr. Shane will

serve PRO-LAB as the Vice President of Laboratory Services and head of PRO-LAB'S Scientific Advisory Board. Dr. Shane was formerly a Senior Aerobiologist and sat on the Scientific Advisory Board of EMLAB, Inc. Prior to that Dr. Shane was the Director of Research and chief scientist at the McCrone Research Institute in Chicago, one of the Nation's most prominent teaching and research institutes. Dr. Shane has personally taught over 3,000 mold analysts from laboratories around the country on the proper identification of fungal spores, pollen, and house dust, as well as the proper testing techniques and how to interpret results.

"I am ecstatic about having Dr. Shane join the PRO-LAB team. It's like having Michael Jordan join a basketball team. You must have the best players to win", states James E. McDonnell, CEO of PRO-LAB.

Dr. Shane earned his Bachelors of Science degree at Brigham Young University in Botany, and his Ph.D. at Arizona State University from the Botany and Microbiology Department, specializing in Palynology (the study of fungal spores and pollen). Dr. Shane belongs to several professional societies relevant to indoor air quality; including Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA), Mycological Society of America (MSA), American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI), Pan-American Aerobiology Association (PAAA), International Commission for Palynology (ICP), American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), and American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH), International Association of Aerobiologists (IAA), International Commission of Palynologists (ICP), and North American Mycological Association (NAMA). He is a Certified Residential Microbial Inspector, certified by the Indoor Environmental Standards Organization, and a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society.

Dr. Shane is a frequent featured and invited speaker around the country to teach the identification and interpretation of mold and house dust in indoor and outdoor environments, and has personally conducted thousands of indoor air investigations. Dr. Shane has also served as an expert witness on high profile mold cases involving millions of dollars.