

1 **Create IT #319507: Risk of Invasive Mold Infections after Floods**

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3 This is an important message from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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5 Has your home recently experienced flooding after a hurricane or other natural disaster?

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7 If you have a weakened immune system, you may be at risk for becoming seriously ill  
8 from mold.

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10 People with weakened immune systems include those who have had a transplant, are  
11 getting chemotherapy for cancer, or are taking medications that weaken the immune  
12 system.

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14 Don't enter buildings with mold damage if you have a weakened immune system, or  
15 breathing problem, like asthma.

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17 If you have a weakened immune system and need to clean mold in an indoor area, wear a  
18 properly fitted, NIOSH-approved N95 mask or one that provides even more protection.

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20 Also wear gloves and goggles.

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22 You may see or smell mold on furniture, carpeting, or other items that have been wet for  
23 more than 24 hours. Assume mold is present, even if it's not visible.

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25 Completely dry everything, clean up the mold, and repair any damage.

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27 Talk with your healthcare provider if you've recently been exposed to mold and have  
28 symptoms that aren't getting better with treatment.

29 To learn more, visit [c-d-c-dot-gov-slash-mold](http://c-d-c-dot-gov-slash-mold).