



## Housing & Residential Life

Dear residents of 17th Ave,

Housing & Residential Life (HRL) has received reports from a number of students in 17th Ave noting a black substance (or fungal growth) present in their room. We take your health and safety very seriously and are taking the following actions to address these reports.

Per our procedure, U of M Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) collected samples yesterday and confirmed that there was fungal growth present. Additional inspections are continuing today and remediation plans have been put into action. Abatement work will begin tomorrow. This includes deep cleaning, as well as applying a specialty paint on the fiberglass insulation that is designed to prevent future fungal growth. All rooms will be inspected in the coming days, so please ensure that the front of the ventilation unit in your room is fully accessible.

HRL will notify affected students about when their room will be addressed and temporary relocation options if you wish. The paint being applied is safe, but the odor as it dries is very strong. Residence hall rooms have already been set aside and can be easily used as a temporary place for residents to stay.

If you have a concern about fungal growth in your room, please [submit a Fix It ticket](#). Fix It tickets are prioritized and addressed as quickly as possible. In the interim, you may also turn off the ventilation unit in your rooms or open the window to minimize exposure.

We are working aggressively to address the situation and will provide further updates as needed.

We appreciate your understanding while we work to resolve these issues.

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