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RE: North Country Uhs #22b – PCB Results

Date: *July 25, 2025*

Name of school: North Country Uhs #22b

Address: 209 Veterans Ave

School ID: PS208

Site number: 20225157

We are providing an update on the PCB in air testing at your school.

In this letter, we are providing results from the most recent round of testing and **temporary occupancy options**.

We recognize there is a lot of information in this letter. Staff from the Vermont Department of Health (Health), Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and Agency of Education (AOE) would like to meet with you to discuss the results and temporary occupancy options for your school. **Please let us know as soon as possible which day(s) and time(s) work for you by emailing your DEC project manager, Richard Spiese, at Richard.Spiese@vermont.gov, and SOV.PCBSampling@vermont.gov.**

What are the temporary occupancy options?

Typically, three temporary occupancy options are provided – lowest risk, lower risk, and higher risk. For your school, the higher risk occupancy option does not apply, so you only have two temporary occupancy options to choose from. The temporary occupancy options were developed by the Health Department and are sufficient to protect the health of your students and staff. Once you implement a temporary occupancy option, student and staff exposure to PCBs will be reduced. Since you know your school best, two options are given so you can choose what works best to operate your school with as little disruption as possible.

The table below shows the group and result for each primary occupied room (such as classrooms, offices, cafeterias, gymnasiums, etc.) as well as a comparison of the two temporary occupancy options by room and grade level. “Not detected” means that the laboratory did not detect any PCBs.

- Under option 1, you will need to **address the PCB sources within one year**.

- Under option 2, you will need to **begin mitigation of PCB sources within six weeks**. The first step to begin mitigation is to hire a consultant, so you will need to [hire a consultant](#) within six weeks of choosing your occupancy option.

We recommend that you choose option 1 if it is feasible to operate your school. Option 1 achieves the lowest risk of PCB exposure to your students and staff. If you cannot operate your school under option 1, then Health, DEC, and AOE support option 2 as sufficient to protect the health of your students and staff since you will begin mitigation of PCB sources within six weeks. (Connect with your DEC site manager after you choose your occupancy option to learn more about possible mitigation steps.)

You can see which rooms to “use” or to “not use” as primary occupied rooms for each option. For the two temporary occupancy options, you can use all rooms that say “use” for that option before mitigation begins. You will also see there is no limit on the cumulative number of hours per week for each grade level in the header row. This means the total number of hours per week students can be in the school does not need to be reduced.

Results for Primary Occupied Rooms and Temporary Occupancy Options for Your School

Values highlighted in yellow have changed status with the most recent sampling data.

The results shown in the table are the results used to make occupancy recommendations. Rooms in group 1 and 6 that were not tested in the most recent (late spring) testing are considered untested.

Room	Group	Result (ng/m ³)	Option 1 No limit 7-Adult	Option 2 No limit 7-Adult
205	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
207	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
208	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
213	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
214	1	1400	Not use	Not Use
219	1	1600	Not use	Not Use
220	1	910	Not use	Not Use
222	1	1400	Not use	Not Use
223	1	1300	Not use	Not Use
225	1	1400	Not use	Not Use
226	1	1400	Not use	Not Use
250	1	930	Not use	Not Use
252	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
253	1	470	Not use	Not Use
254	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
255	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
256	1	950	Not use	Not Use
257	1	920	Not use	Not Use
258	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
259	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
260	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
261	1	580	Not use	Not Use
262	1	790	Not use	Not Use
263	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
265	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
266	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
267	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
268	1	1500	Not use	Not Use

Room	Group	Result (ng/m ³)	Option 1 No limit 7-Adult	Option 2 No limit 7-Adult
270	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
271	1	990	Not use	Not Use
272	1	860	Not use	Not Use
273	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
274	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
275	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
276	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
277	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
278	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
279	1	740	Not use	Not Use
281	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
227/229	1	2200	Not use	Not Use
504 Coordinator	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
A & D office	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
Anita Mayhew	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
Athletic directors office	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
Business office	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
cafeteria	1	830	Not use	Not Use
Chris Young	1	640	Not use	Not Use
Guidance Office	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
ISS Room	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
Jennifer Gaffney	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
library	1	990	Not use	Not Use
Main Office in B Wing	1	390	Not use	Not Use
Matt Farney	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
Music office	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
Noel Pixley	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
nurse	1	560	Not use	Not Use
Prep Room 5	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
Server Room (212)	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
SSC	1	680	Not use	Not Use
SSC 2	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
SSC 3	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
SSC 4	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
SSC 5	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use

Room	Group	Result (ng/m ³)	Option 1 No limit 7-Adult	Option 2 No limit 7-Adult
SSC 6	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
SSC 7	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
SSC 8	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
Uconn Office	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
Wellness Center	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
Wellness Center 2	1	510	Not use	Not Use
Work Based Learning	1	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
Boys gym teacher office	3	Not Tested	Use	Use
Boys gym teacher office bathroom	3	Not Tested	Use	Use
Boys locker room	3	17	Use	Use
New trainers office	3	8.6	Use	Use
Physical education/dance office	3	130	Not use	Use
Womens Locker Room	3	45	Use	Use
Womens Locker Showers	3	Not Tested	Use	Use
Auditorium	4	12	Use	Use
Gymnasium	5	Not detected	Use	Use
Weight room	5	Not Tested	Use	Use
316	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
319	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
347	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
348	6	490	Not use	Not Use
356	6	86	Use	Use
357	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
358	6	590	Not use	Not Use
359	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
360	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
363	6	410	Not use	Not Use
364	6	740	Not use	Not Use
368	6	810	Not use	Not Use
369	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
370	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use

Room	Group	Result (ng/m ³)	Option 1 No limit 7-Adult	Option 2 No limit 7-Adult
374	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
378	6	1800	Not use	Not Use
411	6	850	Not use	Not Use
413	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
417	6	400	Not use	Not Use
423	6	500	Not use	Not Use
425	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
426	6	410	Not use	Not Use
427	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
429	6	680	Not use	Not Use
430	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
433	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
435	6	99	Use	Use
436	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
437	6	1900	Not use	Not Use
439	6	1700	Not use	Not Use
411a	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
413a	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
434 video games	6	870	Not use	Not Use
Falcon's Nest	6	510	Not use	Not Use
NCCC	6	230	Not use	Use
Office with safe	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
One Lab	6	Not Tested	Not Use	Not Use
333	7	Not Tested	Use	Use
Kitchen	7	49	Use	Use
151	9	13	Use	Use
153	9	16	Use	Use
155	9	Not Tested	Use	Use
Practice room 1	9	19	Use	Use
Practice room 2	9	Not Tested	Use	Use
Weight room office	9	19	Use	Use
303	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
304	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
306	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
310	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
314	11	Not Tested	Use	Use

Room	Group	Result (ng/m ³)	Option 1 No limit 7-Adult	Option 2 No limit 7-Adult
315	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
322	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
349	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
350	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
379	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
380	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
404	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
406	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
407	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
409	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
441	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
442	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
444	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
Adult Education	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
Career Center Main Office	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
Conference Room	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
Control	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
Greenhouse	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
Media room	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
Security	11	Not Tested	Use	Use
Staff Mailboxes	11	Not Tested	Use	Use

Here is how we determine which rooms to use and not use:

- **Option 1:** Use all tested rooms less than the school action level. Use untested rooms in a group with no rooms at or above the immediate action level and equal to or less than 50% of rooms at or above the school action level.
- **Option 2:** Use all tested rooms less than the immediate action level, and use untested rooms in a group with no rooms at or above the immediate action level.

Results for Ancillary Spaces

The results for ancillary spaces are in the table below. These spaces are not occupied all day by staff or students and were sampled to help identify potential PCB sources. “Not detected” means that the laboratory did not detect any PCBs.

If an ancillary space is at or above the school action level, you may reduce the occupancy as is practical.

Ancillary Space	Group	Result (ng/m ³)
A Wing 2 nd Floor Hallway	1	Not Tested
B Hall	1	Not Tested
156	1	Not Tested
224	1	Not Tested
269	1	Not Tested
B Wing 2nd Floor Hallway	1	Not Tested
Chem Storage	1	Not Tested
classroom closet 1	1	Not Tested
classroom closet 2	1	Not Tested
classroom closet 3	1	Not Tested
Horseshoe	1	Not Tested
server room	1	Not Tested
Server room (b2)	1	Not Tested
storage	1	Not Tested
AB Hall	2	20
AB Hall East	2	Not Tested
BC Hall East	2	Not Tested
BC Hall West	2	Not Tested
Senior lounge	2	59
13	3	Not Tested
14	3	Not Tested
16	3	Not Tested
17	3	Not Tested
217	3	Not Tested
264	3	72
29	3	Not Tested
Admin offices bathroom and storage	3	Not Tested
Athletic training room	3	12
B Floor 1 Women Bath	3	Not Tested
B Floor 1 Men Bath	3	Not Tested
B Floor 2 Men Bathroom Center	3	Not Tested
B Floor 2 Women Bathroom Center	3	Not Tested
Gym hallway	3	17

Ancillary Space	Group	Result (ng/m³)
Gym Office Bathroom	3	72
Gym storage	3	37
Mens faculty bathroom	3	54
Sub stair storage	3	Not Tested
Toilet	3	Not Tested
11	4	Not Tested
Auditorium electrical closet	4	Not Tested
323	6	Not Tested
323a	6	Not Tested
347a	6	Not Tested
353	6	1100
358a	6	Not Tested
362	6	Not Tested
365	6	Not Tested
366	6	Not Tested
367	6	Not Tested
371	6	300
375	6	Not Tested
377	6	Not Tested
411b	6	Not Tested
413b	6	Not Tested
418	6	Not Tested
421	6	Not Tested
423a	6	Not Tested
425a	6	Not Tested
428	6	Not Tested
431	6	Not Tested
432	6	Not Tested
434b	6	Not Tested
434c	6	Not Tested
435a	6	Not Tested
435b	6	Not Tested
435c	6	Not Tested
436 Closet	6	Not Tested
438	6	Not Tested
443	6	Not Tested
Marketing storage	6	Not Tested
330	7	Not Tested
Cafeteria washroom	7	Not Tested
Kitchen Refrigerator	7	Not Tested
Kitchen storage	7	40

Ancillary Space	Group	Result (ng/m³)
Basement tunnel	8	81
Bolier	8	Not Tested
Elevator room B wing	8	Not Tested
103a	9	Not Tested
332	9	Not Tested
A Floor 1 Stairs	9	Not Tested
A wing hallway	9	Not Tested
B Floor 1 Middle Stair	9	Not Tested
B Floor 2 East Stair	9	Not Tested
B Floor 2 Middle Stair	9	Not Tested
B Floor 2 West Stair	9	22
Book closet	9	62
C Floor 1 East Stair	9	Not Tested
C Floor 1 Middle Stair	9	Not Tested
C Floor 2 Middle Stair	9	Not Tested
C Hall Floor 1	9	37
C Hall Floor 2	9	44
Gym storage 1	9	Not Tested
Gym storage 2	9	Not Tested
Gym storage 3	9	Not Tested
Town Hall Stairway	9	Not Tested
325	10	38
342	10	Not Tested
343	10	Not Tested
372	10	72
All Gender Bathroom	10	Not Tested
C Floor 1 Middle Bath	10	Not Tested
C Floor 2 Men Bath Center	10	7.6
C Floor 2 Women Bath Center	10	Not Tested
380a	11	Not Tested
407a	11	Not Tested
407b	11	Not Tested
409 closet	11	Not Tested
445	11	Not Tested
Auditorium new storage	11	Not Tested
C Floor 2 East Stair	11	Not Tested
C Floor 2 West Stair	11	Not Tested
Culinary Freezer	11	Not Tested
Culinary Fridge	11	Not Tested
Elevator, C-Wing	11	Not Tested
Floor 2 entrance	11	Not Tested

Ancillary Space	Group	Result (ng/m ³)
Media Storage	11	Not Tested
Security Closet	11	Not Tested

Questions?

Staff from DEC, Health, and AOE are available to meet at any point in this process to support you.

- For **testing and test results questions**, email your DEC project manager, Richard Spiese, at Richard.Spiese@vermont.gov, and SOV.PCBSampling@vermont.gov.
- For **health-related questions**, AHS.VDHPCBSchoolSampling@vermont.gov.
- For questions about **funding this work**, email Jill.BriggsCampbell@vermont.gov.