

Supplemental Materials

Figure S1. Flow chart demonstrating how Ns displayed in Table 1 (a) and Table 2 (b) were tabulated for residents.

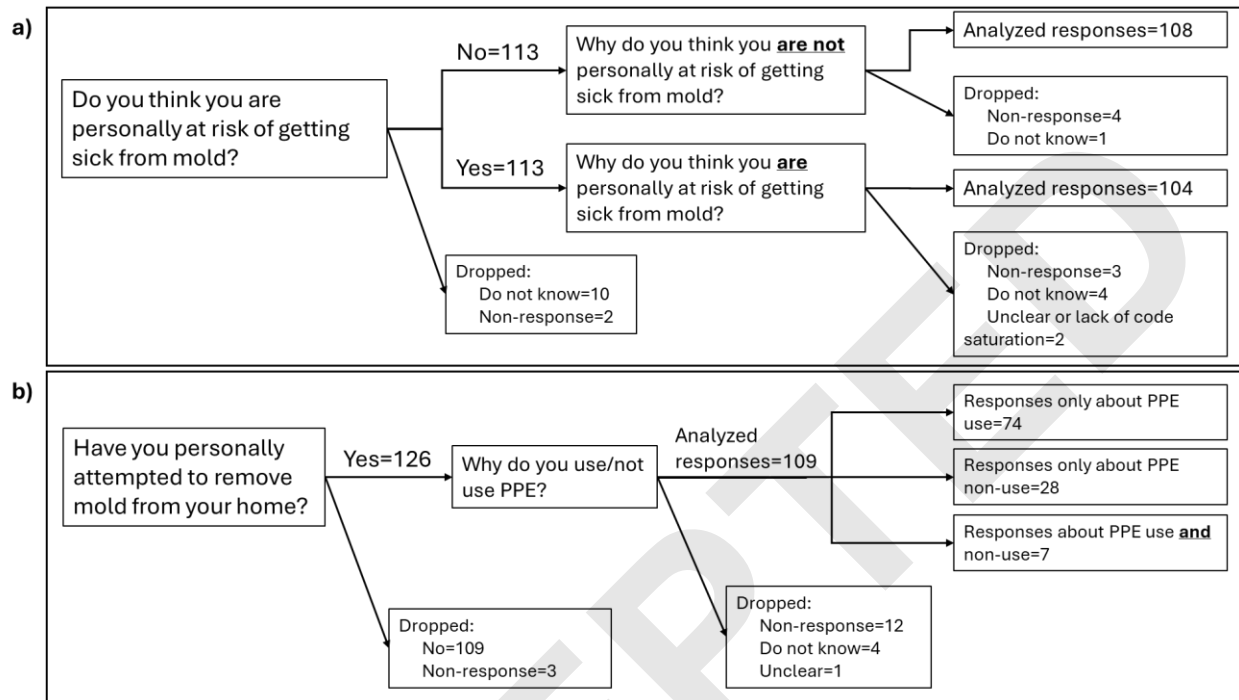
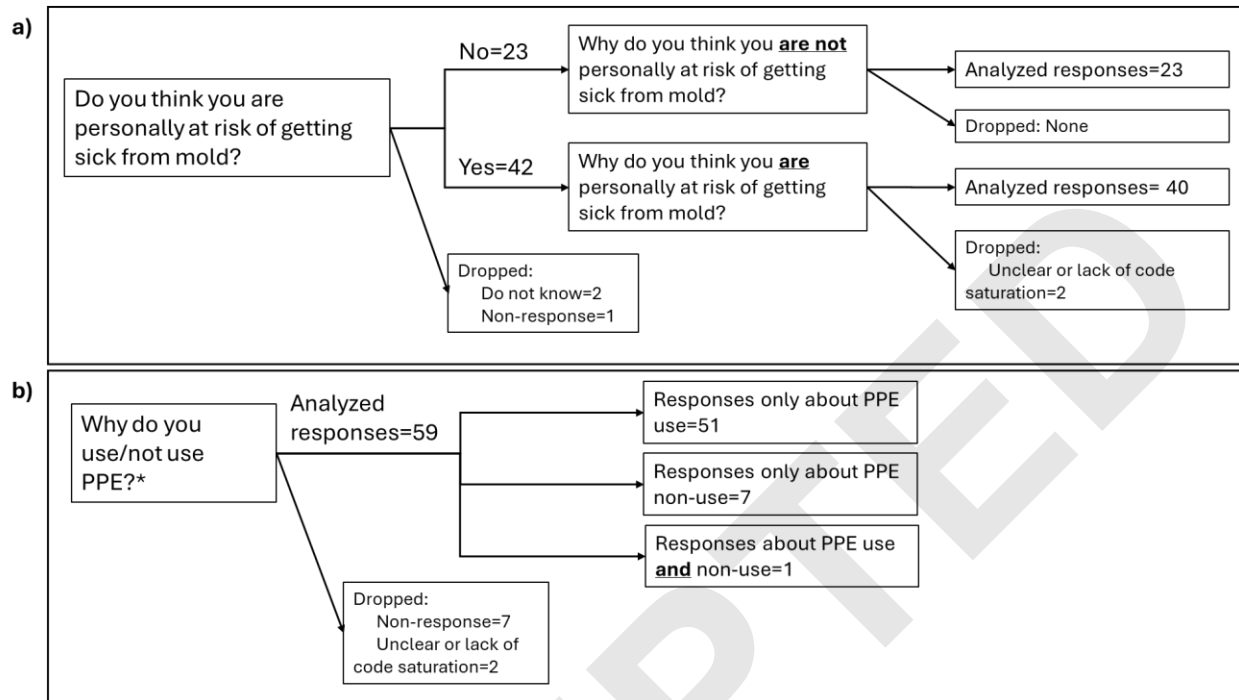


Figure S2. Flow chart demonstrating how Ns displayed in Table 1 (a) and Table 2 (b) were tabulated for workers.



*Note that mold remediation workers were not asked the stem question “Have you personally attempted to remove mold from your home?”

Table S1. Categories and codes identified among responses to the open-ended question “Why do you think you are/aren’t at risk of getting sick from mold?”, separated by response (yes/no) to the stem question, “Do you think you are personally at risk of getting sick from mold?”, and by whether respondent reported smoking, Southeast Louisiana – 2021.

		Never smokers no. (%)*		Ever smokers no. (%)*	
Category	Code	Category	Code	Category	Code
Among those who <u>did not</u> feel at risk		n=88**		n=41**	
Lack of exposure	No mold exposure	51 (58)	43 (49)	25 (61)	22 (54)
	Avoid mold exposure		5 (6)		2 (5)
	Risk if exposed		3 (3)		-
	Don't know if exposed		2 (2)		1 (2)
Took recommended action	Mold was cleaned/remediated	26 (30)	16 (18)	12 (29)	8 (20)
	PPE usage or took precautions		11 (13)		4 (10)
Lack of perceived susceptibility	Sense of immunity	11 (13)	11 (13)	4 (10)	4 (10)
Self-efficacy	I know how to deal with mold	5 (6)	5 (6)	1 (2)	1 (2)
Among those who <u>did</u> feel at risk		n=94***		n=51***	
Mold exposure	Exposure to mold	55 (59)	29 (31)	34 (67)	16 (31)
	Risk if exposed		21 (24)		17 (33)
	Could be exposed without perceiving mold		9 (10)		1 (2)
	Environmental factors		4 (4)		3 (6)
Perceived susceptibility and severity	Underlying health issue/risk	36 (41)	13 (14)	18 (35)	8 (16)
	Experienced or witnessed health effects from mold previously		12 (13)		3 (6)
	Mold is dangerous		12 (13)		6 (12)
	Received negative messages about mold		-		2 (4)
Perceived barriers to PPE usage	Lack of PPE usage/lack of access to PPE	3 (3)	3 (3)	-	-

* Ns listed in gray cells are used as denominators for the percentages below. Percentages can sum to >100 because responses could receive more than one code and/or category.

**Ns refer to those who endorsed feeling at risk of getting sick from mold among never smokers and ever smokers, respectively.

***Ns refer to those who endorsed not feeling at risk of getting sick from mold among never smokers and ever smokers, respectively.

Table S2. Among those who reported personally cleaning mold, categories and codes are identified among responses to the open-ended question “How do you know a mask* fits?” Responses are stratified by resident/worker status, and whether respondent endorsed only using recommended respirators while cleaning mold (“Rec”) versus those who endorsed using non-recommended face coverings or no face covering (“Non-Rec”). Southeast Louisiana – 2021.

Category	Code	Resident responses no. (%)**		Worker responses no. (%)**		Total responses no. (%)**	
		Rec n=52	Non-Rec n=73	Rec n=50	Non-Rec n=16	Rec n=102	Non-Rec n=89
Green Light: responses indicate understanding of one or more important concepts related to respirator fit	Seals/no gaps/no leaks	11 (21)	21 (29)	10 (20)	1 (6)	21 (21)	22 (25)
	Snug/tight	8 (15)	17 (23)	16 (32)	4 (25)	24 (24)	21 (24)
	Covers nose and mouth	9 (17)	15 (21)	6 (12)	3 (19)	15 (15)	18 (20)
	Breathe in or out to check for leaks	7 (13)	7 (10)	5 (10)	2 (13)	12 (12)	9 (10)
	Fit test	6 (12)	2 (3)	9 (18)	1 (6)	15 (15)	3 (3)
	Suction/negative pressure	2 (4)	5 (7)	7 (14)	2 (13)	9 (9)	7 (8)
	Cannot sense external odors	1 (2)	2 (3)	-	-	1 (1)	2 (2)
	Glasses don't fog	-	4 (5)	-	-	-	4 (4)
	Job training/experience	-	1 (1)	-	-	-	1 (1)
	Clean shaven	2 (4)	-	-	-	2 (2)	-
Yellow Light: additional clarification might be necessary to ensure understanding of important concepts related to respirator fit	Squeeze nose piece	3 (6)	7 (10)	2 (4)	3 (19)	5 (5)	10 (11)
	Comfortable/can breathe	3 (6)	5 (7)	1 (2)	-	4 (4)	5 (6)
	Fit over facial hair	1 (2)	-	-	-	1 (1)	-
Red Light: response might indicate lack of knowledge or misunderstanding of concepts important to respirator fit	General experience/just put it on	7 (13)	7 (10)	3 (6)	4 (25)	10 (10)	11 (12)
	Don't know	6 (12)	5 (7)	2 (4)	2 (13)	8 (8)	7 (8)
	Discomfort/difficulty breathing	1 (2)	1 (1)	1 (2)	1 (6)	2 (2)	2 (2)

* To ensure that participants would consider the full spectrum of respirators when responding to the question about “mask fit,” despite the simplified terminology of “mask,” respondents were shown a visual display of face-worn products that included (1) NIOSH Approved respirators and respirators meeting international standards, (2) masks such as cloth masks and disposable face masks, and (3) face coverings such as bandanas.

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