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CDC sends interim letter to County, FCSO

October 5, 2018 – The Centers for Disease Control on Friday copied the Flagler County engineer on an “interim letter” sent to Sheriff Rick Staly providing brief details about its September 6 visit, as well as some practical recommendations.

“We will do everything within our authority to implement the CDC recommendations,” County Administrator Craig Coffey said. “Next week, we will reach out to the Sheriff’s Office to develop a plan.”

There were two items of note from the CDC interim letter:

1. Mold testing – “At this time, we do not recommend further air sampling for mold spores,” said Alyson Johnson – US Public Health Service Industrial Hygienist.
2. Recommendations – These are things Flagler County would want to do to maintain its building, and do not believe they are financially exhaustive.

These recommendations include:

- Have a contractor not previously associated with the building evaluate the structure for water intrusion through the “building envelope” and conduct an inspection for hidden mold, which might include cutting inspection openings in the interior drywall.
- Ensure all exterior downspouts have extenders long enough to direct water runoff away from the building.
- Ensure dehumidifiers used to dry evidence are cleaned and maintained regularly.
- Continue to work towards eliminating any condensation issues related to the walk-in refrigerator/freezer in the evidence room.
- Clean documents with a vacuum equipped with a HEPA filter.
- Have a contractor not previously associated with the building evaluate the air dampers and air-handling unit.

The complete letter is attached.