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Faith, Craig

See below, is this what you were thinking? If so, our sampling can detect all of them but not appreciate. We would have to send a sample to a lab for that.

There was also a herbicide that was used to spray on fields to eradicate the plants and that can be bad as well, but as with mold, you have to smoke it or be exposed to secondhand smoke to get sick. Or you would have to get it wet in the evidence room so that the mold starts growing on it and then gets into the air. Given the security level when we did our walk through, I seriously doubt that any of the employees are able to go into the evidence room to smoke it and there was no evidence of roof leak where the marijuana would get wet to start growing the mold. I think that the Sheriff runs a pretty tight operation and I was impressed with the professionalism of his people. I did not see it but is it not stored in evidence bags that would prevent any mold getting into the air? If not then that should be standard practice to protect everyone but I really think that the Sheriff's people already are doing it. There should be no open bags of marijuana or any other potential bio hazards or pathogens stored without adequate protection in that room.

Here is some of the info on mold in Marijuana.

California researchers who tested marijuana sold in Northern California found multiple bacterial and fungal pathogens that can cause serious infections. The study was published this month in the journal *Clinical Microbiology and Infection*. Researchers sampled weed samples from Northern California dispensaries and found they tested positive for the fungi *Cryptococcus*, *Mucor* and *Aspergillus*, and for the bacteria *E. coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Acinetobacter baumannii*. The academics said these can lead to serious and lethal illness, noting that smoking the mold and bacteria can embed them directly where they can do the most damage — the lungs.

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