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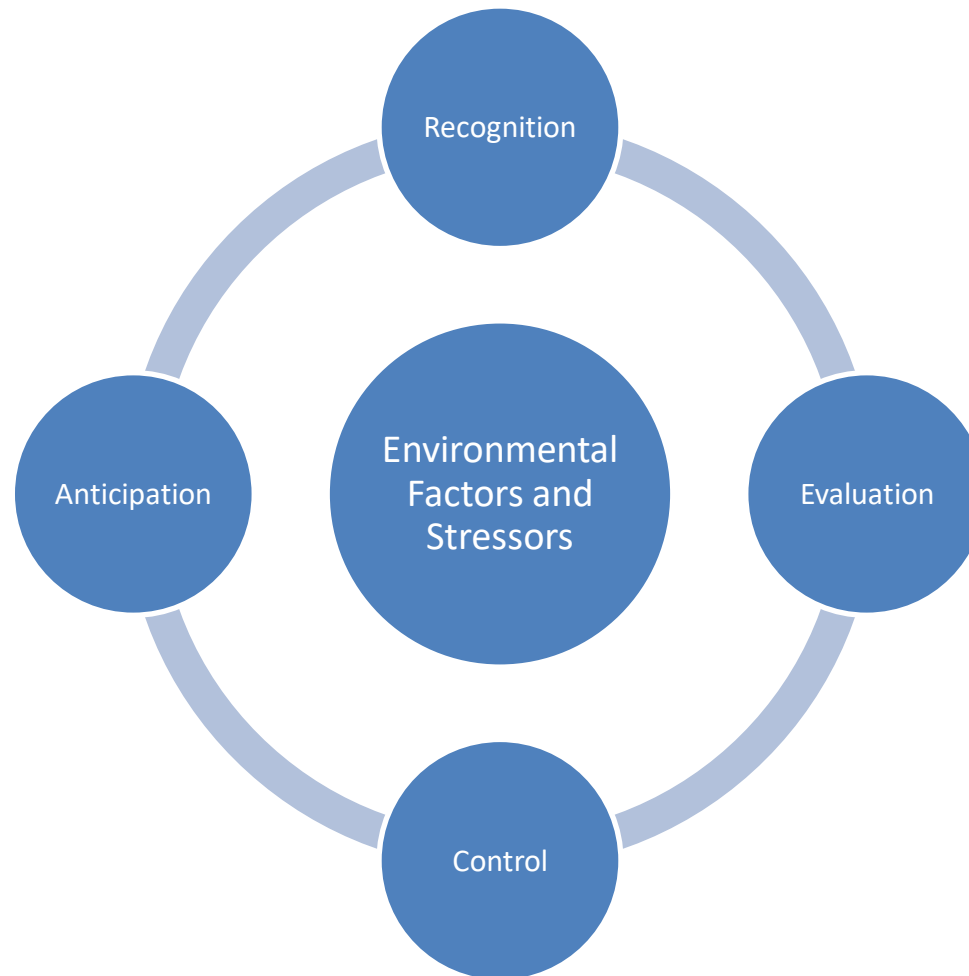
# Progress Report: Phase I (Qualitative HVAC and Initial Ventilation Assessment)

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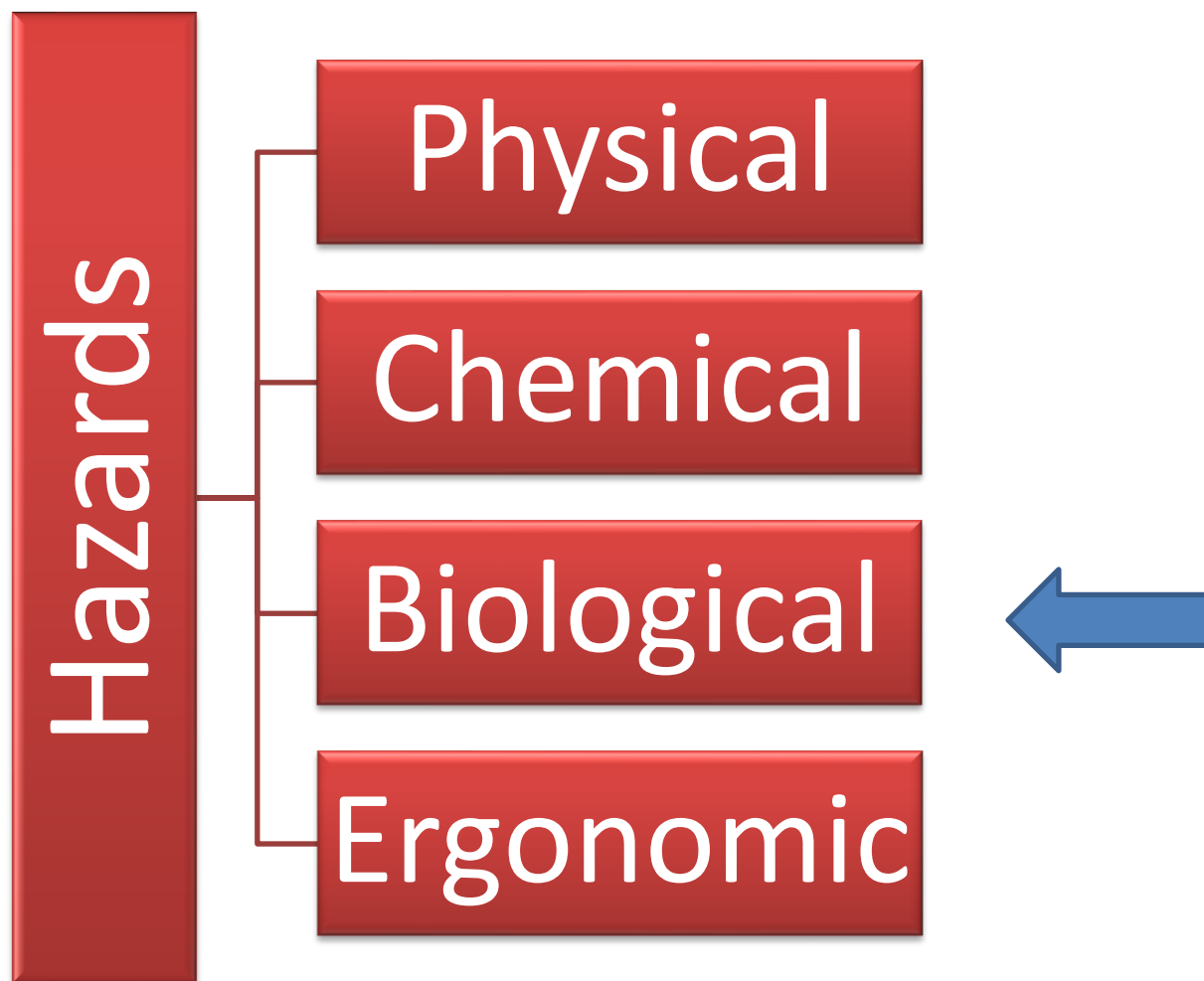
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# What is Industrial Hygiene?



# Hazard Risk Assessment



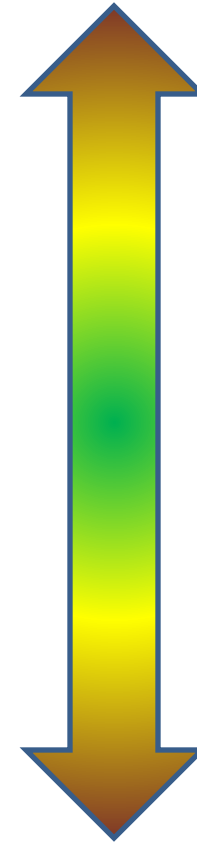
# COVID-19 Transmission

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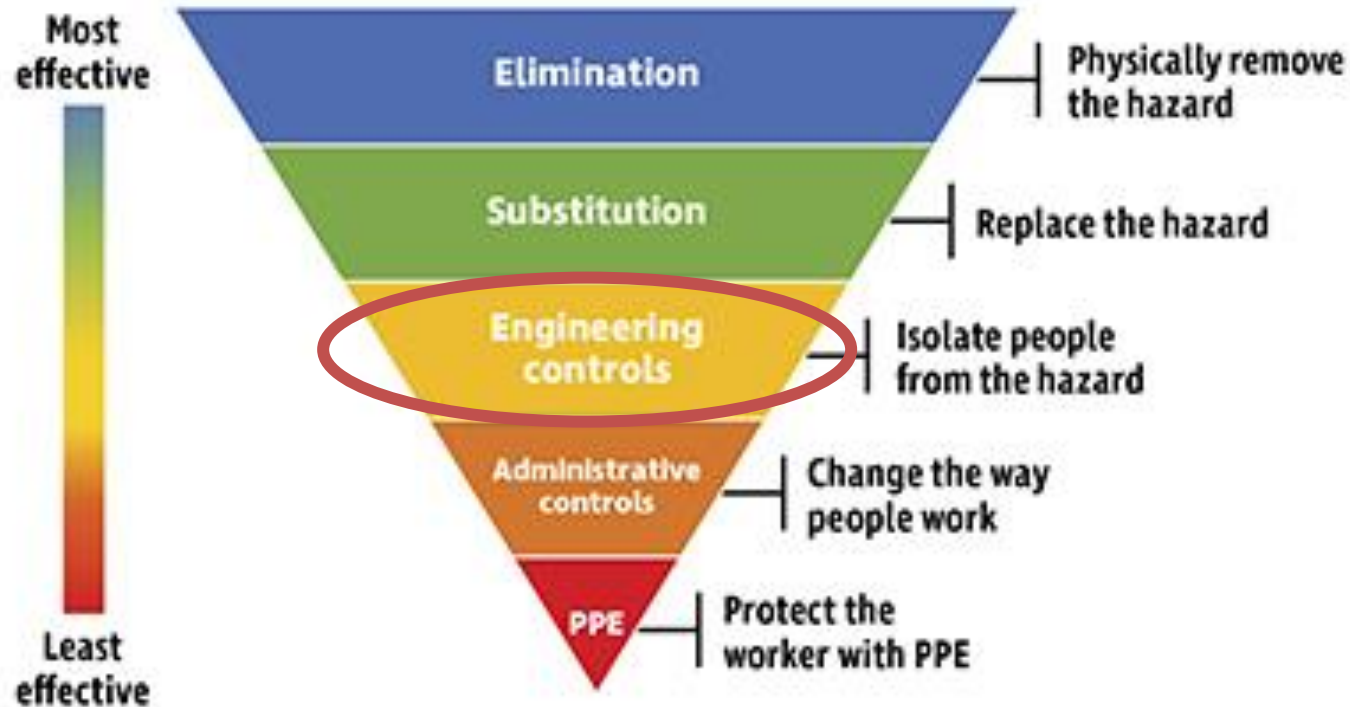
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Primary route



# Hierarchy of Controls

## NIOSH HIERARCHY OF CONTROLS



# Scope of Work

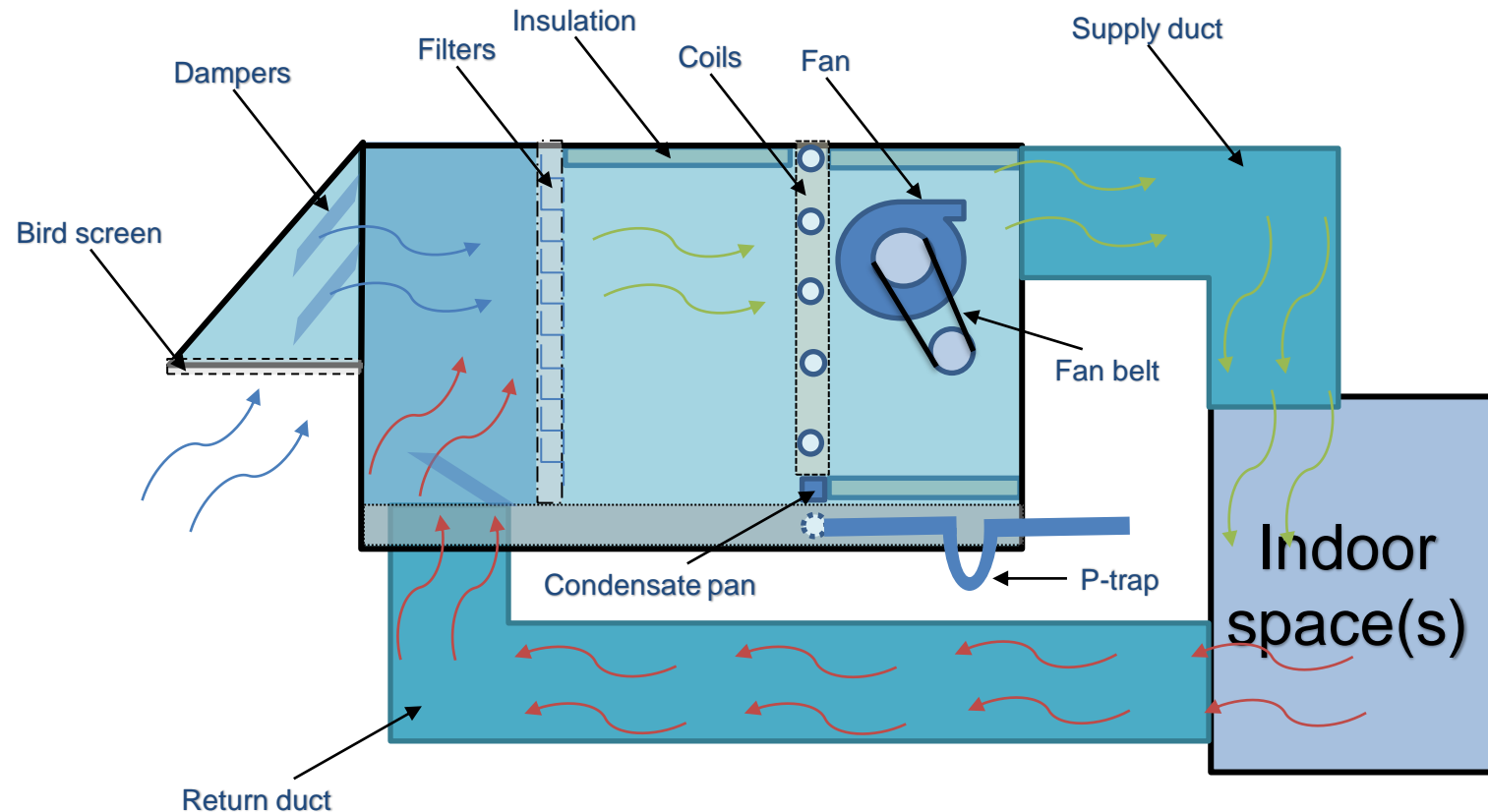
- Phase I:
  - Qualitatively assess condition of the HVAC system.
  - Initial ventilation assessment of identified buildings.
- Phase II:
  - Re-evaluation of HVAC systems.

# Site Assessment

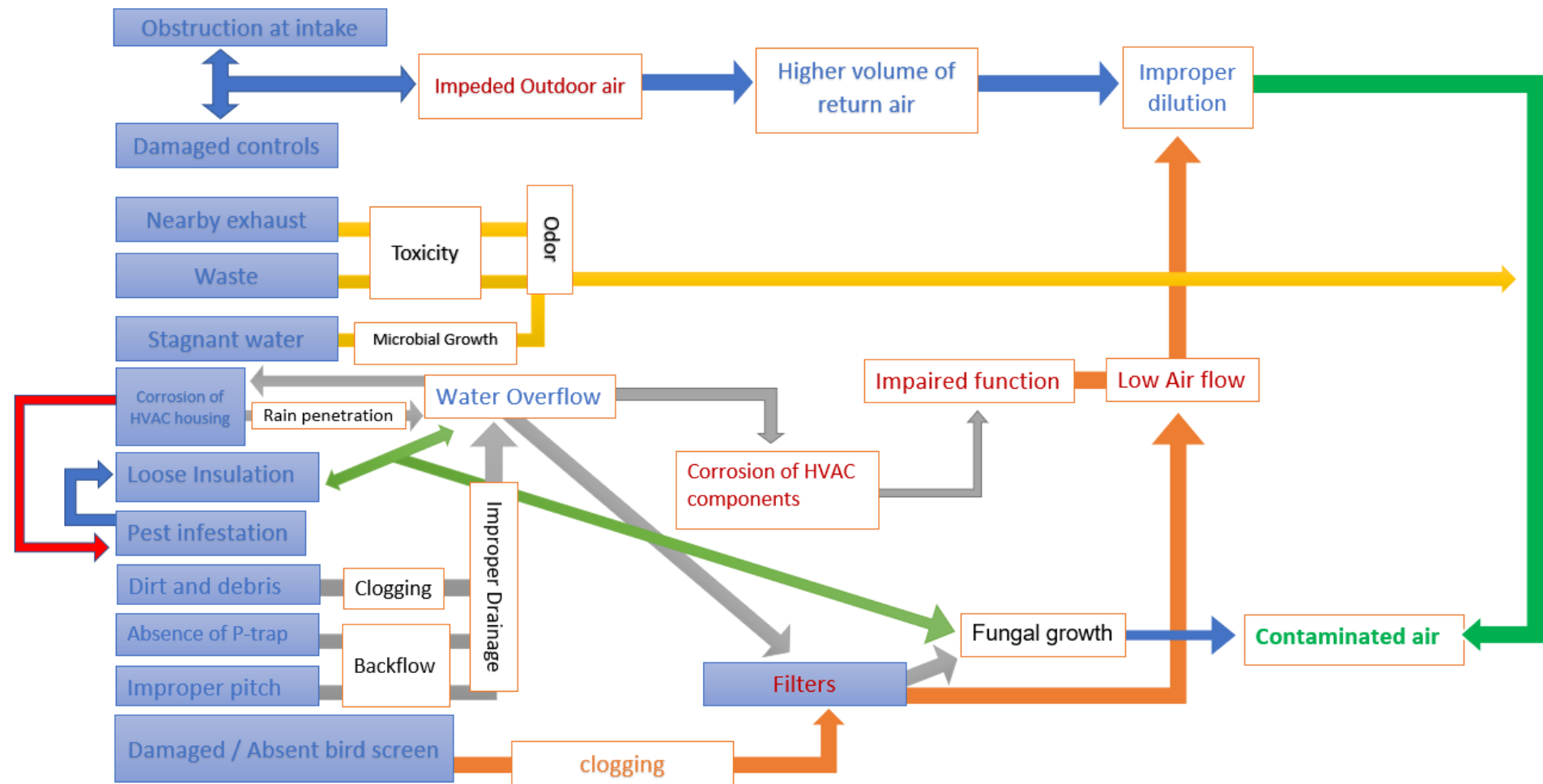
- The following campuses/locations were included in the site assessment:
- College of Alameda (42 units)
- Berkeley City College (5 units)
- Merritt College (40 units)
- Laney College (54 units)
- District Offices (30 units)



# Package Unit Typical Concept


















# HVAC Assessment Tool



## HVAC Qualitative Environmental Assessment

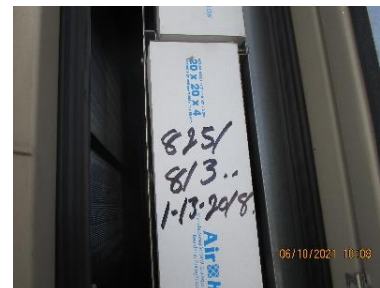
Note: These observations are current as of the assessment date. The following recommendations are based on a visual inspection of the HVAC sections. Consult an HVAC contractor to conduct a cost benefit analysis for repair versus replacement of damaged/worn components.



<b>Site:</b> Merritt College <b>Address:</b> 12300 Campus Dr., Oakland, CA 94619 <b>Building:</b> 5 <b>Level:</b> Roof <b>Location:</b> Outdoors <b>Description:</b> Package unit <b>Control:</b> BMS <b>Date:</b> 12/10/2021		 <b>AHU-1</b>																																																																																																									
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1		Replace filters in accordance with established maintenance schedule																			
2		Seal filter edge to limit bypass																			
3		Perform HEPA vacuuming to remove all dust on interior of unit, avoid the use of chemicals for cleaning																			
4		Install correctly sized filters to prevent air bypass or damage to filters																			
5		Replace overloaded, physically damaged, and/or mold contaminated filters																			
6		Remove obstruction in the condensate port and unclog drain line																			
7		Clean cooling coils, avoiding the use of chemicals																			
8		Clean condensate pan, avoiding the use of chemicals																			
9		Remove insect infestations from air handler																			
10		Address corrosion on HVAC components																			
11		Increase outdoor air ventilation to the extent permitted by HVAC system																			
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# Filters





# Outdoor Air Intake



# Insulation





# Mechanical Equipment Rooms



# Condensate line and Coils







# Corrosion



# Fan belts and Expansion Joints





# Phase I Summary (System functionality)

Observation	No. of Units	No. of Buildings	No. of Campuses	In-house
Overdue filters	121	26	5	
Damaged filters	34	17	5	
Mold infested filters	5	4	2	
Overloaded filters	127	26	5	In-house
Damaged/Loose fan belt	30	15	4	
Contamination source	21	9	4	
Damaged coils	8 	8	4	
Corrosion	114 (8  )	26	5	Professional
Deteriorated insulation	83	25	5	
Missing bird screen	12	6	4	
Tear in duct	20	10	4	

# Mitigation (Filters replacement)

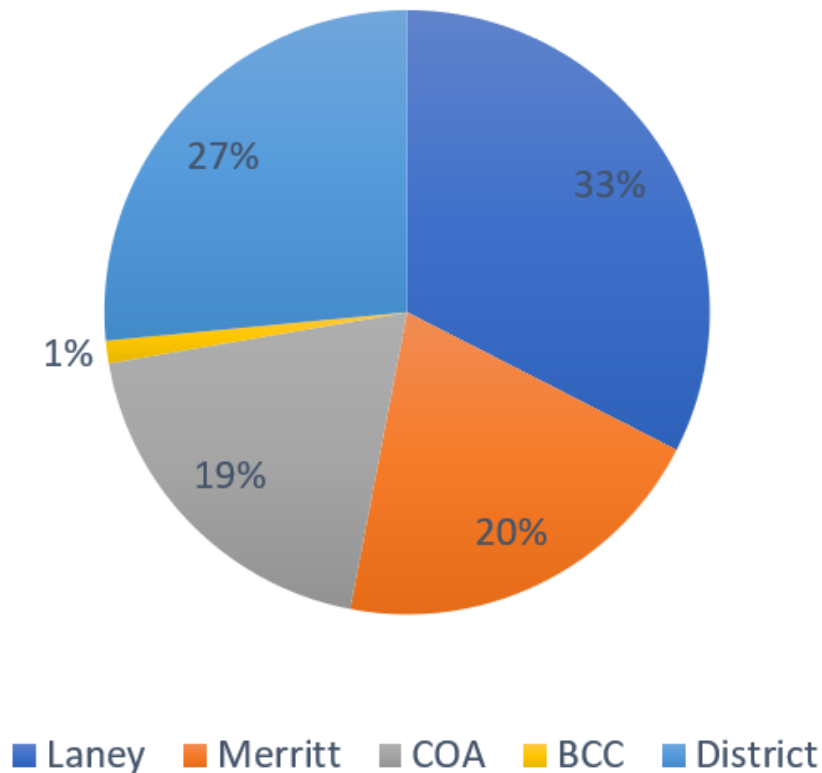
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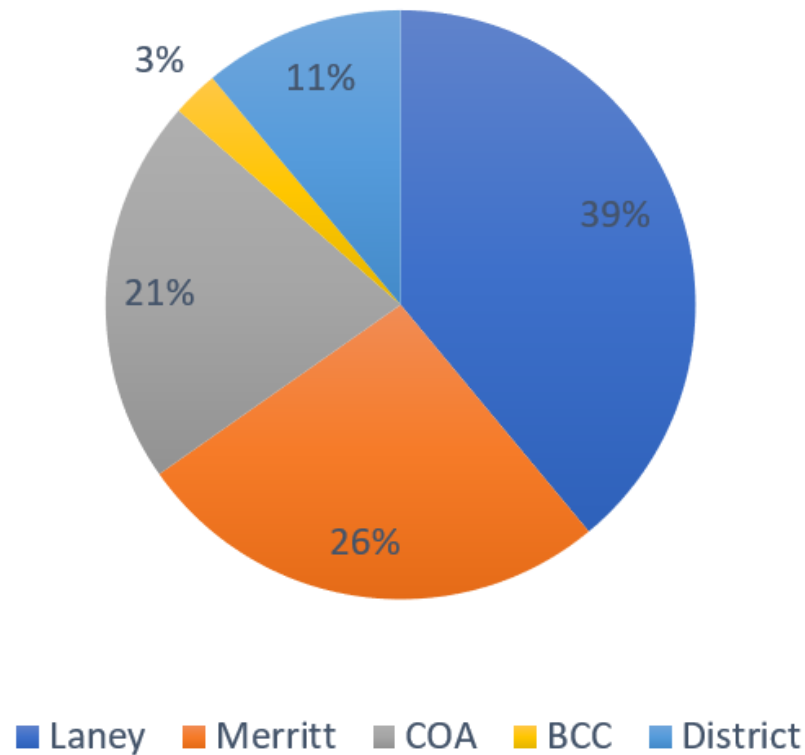
# Deteriorated Insulation

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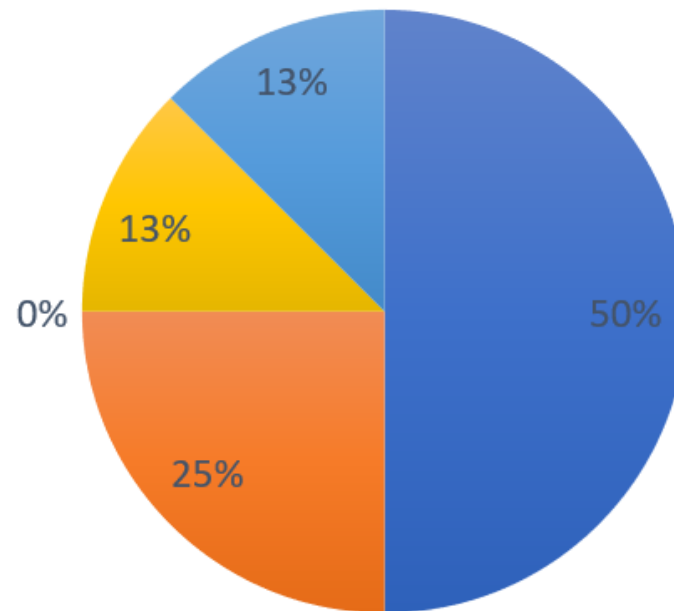
# Corrosion

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# Damaged Coils

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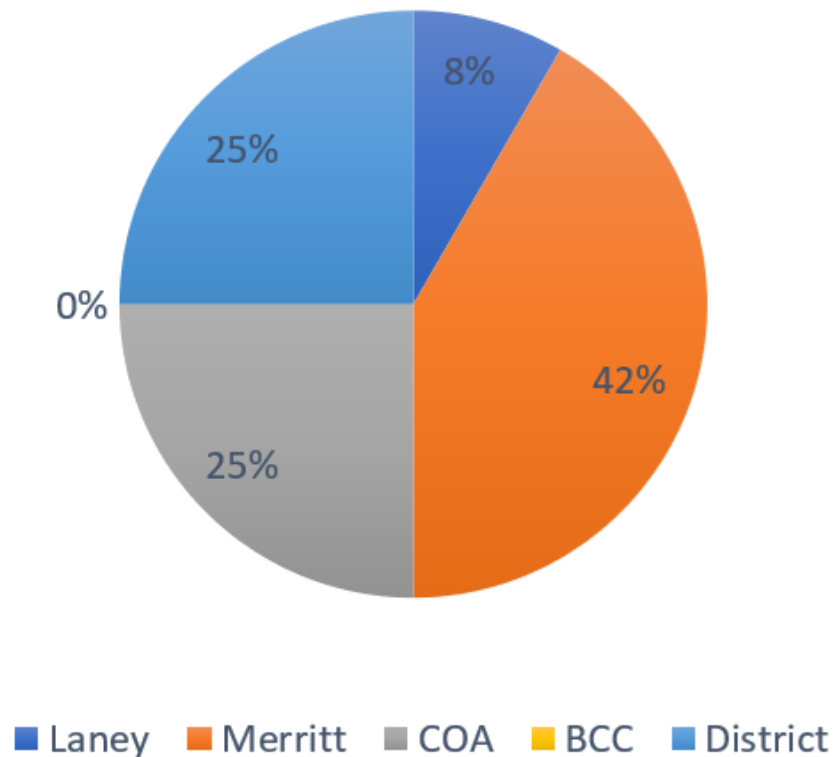


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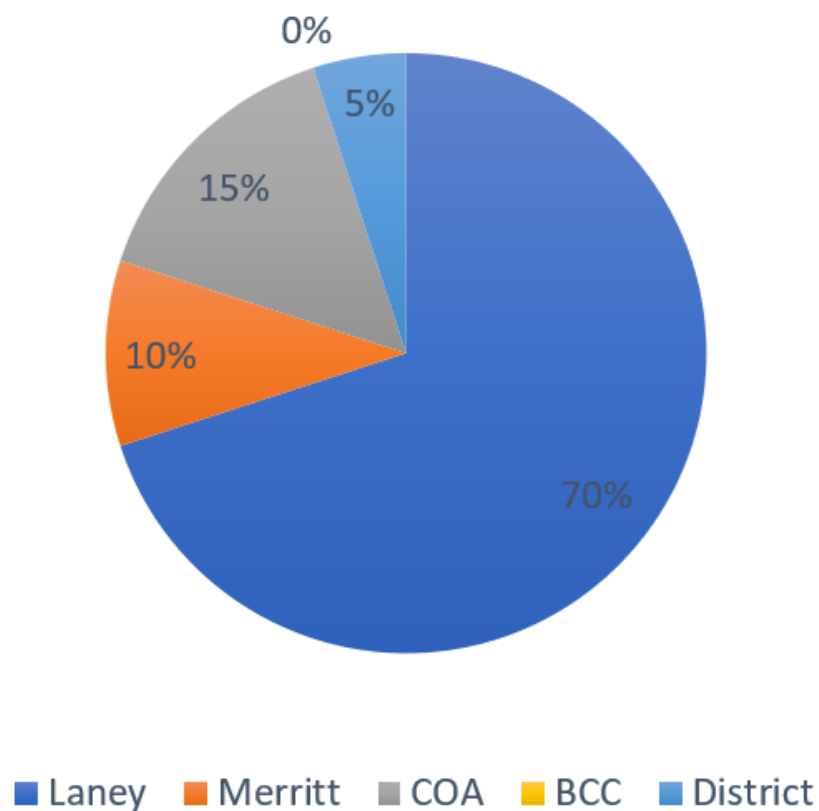
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# Tear in Duct


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# Phase I: Ventilation Assessment


- Ventilation assessment of selective rooms representing different functional spaces in buildings with replaced filters (MERV 13)
- 2 – 3 rooms per building while HVAC system is running – Total of 106 rooms


# Ventilation Assessment Tool





**COVID-19 Site Risk Assessment**

Note: These practices are current as of the revision date. Since the COVID-19 pandemic is evolving rapidly, extra diligence should be used in watching for updates to these practices. The following recommendations should supplement existing infection prevention and control protocols.



Site	Berkeley City College				Date	9/22/2021	
Address	2050 Center Street, Berkeley, CA 94704						
Category	Science Lab						
Room #	513						
Description	Biology Lab						
Area ft <sup>2</sup>	1110	Ceiling ft	11				
Air Changes and Particle Removal				Occupancy: 24			
Droplet Nuclei	Time required for airborne contaminant removal (min)			6-feet		50%	
Effective Air Changes							
5.2		80		15		12	
Natural Ventilation	No	MERV rating	13	Temp	RH%		
Outdoor Air	174	Pressure	Out	74.6	52		
Total Supply	1160	HEPA CADR	0				
Recommendations							
Ventilation (Mechanical)			Occupancy		Target effective ACH		
Air Flow Direction	Minimum Total CFM	% outdoor Air	Minimum Outdoor Air CFM (ASHRAE 62.1)	Occupiable Space	Net 6 ft	3	
Out	440	100%	440	90%	15		





To achieve 3 ACH with MERV 13 filters, 0 cfm of CADR (clean air delivery rate) are recommended.

# Effective Air Changes

- Effective air changes per hour (eACH) are calculated based on the equivalent outdoor air to effectively remove droplet nuclei:
  - MERV rating of installed filters
  - Total supply air (cubic feet per minute – cfm)
  - Outdoor air (percentage of total supply air)

# Target Air Changes

- Target air changes are defaulted as 3 ACH or based on the minimum outdoor air requirements for breathing zones as per ASHRAE standard 62.1, whichever is greater.
- 3 ACH = 95% reduction in airborne contaminants (ASHRAE technical resources for building re-occupancy)

## Target Air Changes (cont'd)

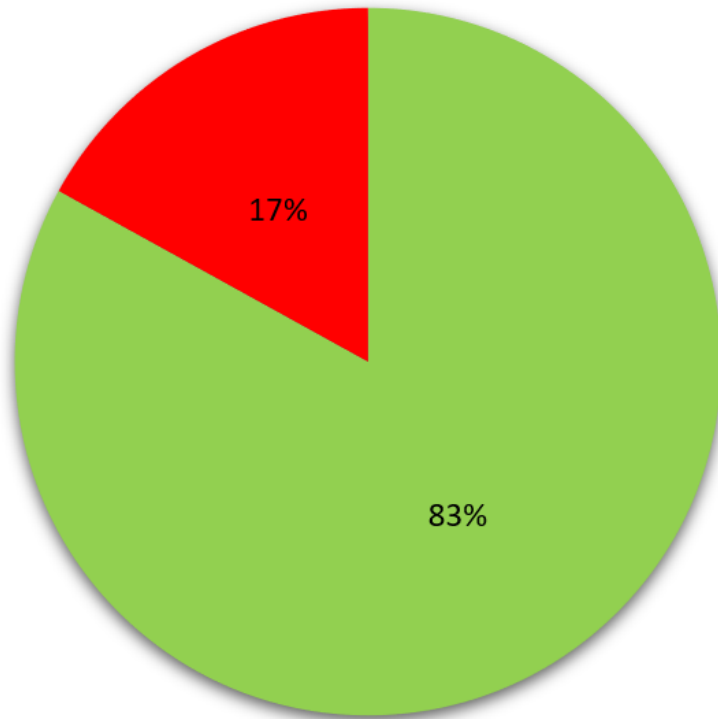
- Minimum requirement for outdoor air as per ASHRAE 62.1 is calculated based on:
  - Square footage of space
  - Occupancy
  - Space category (e.g., classroom, office, conference...etc.)



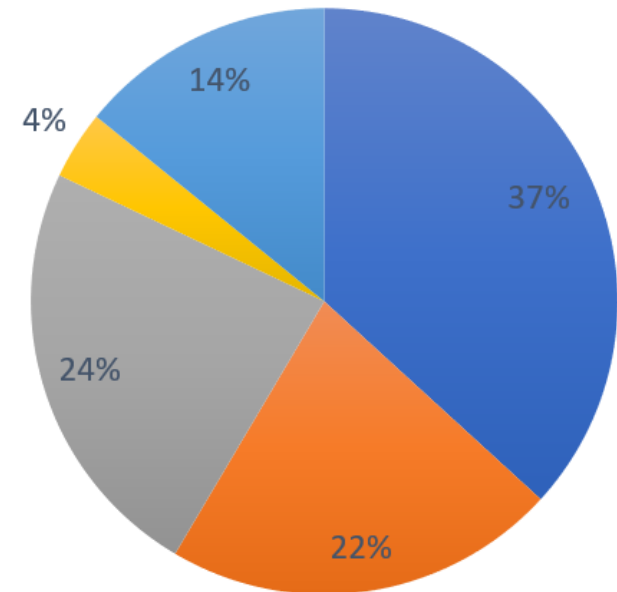
# Locations Breakdown

Space Type	Percentage	Pass rate
Classroom	20%	76%
Science Lab	8.5%	100%
Computer Lab	5%	80%
Offices / Cubicles	40%	88%
Conference rooms	10%	73%
Break rooms	6%	83%
Locker rooms	3%	67%

# Ventilation Performance Overview



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## Phase II

- Expand the ventilation assessment sample
- Post-remediation inspection of HVAC units
- Final report for building readiness

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