



YMCA of Grants Pass Grants Pass, Oregon

Loss Event: Mold Damage

The Grants Pass Family YMCA provides a variety of health, fitness, recreational, and educational services to help build a healthy community. The YMCA serves approximately 7,000 members each year, and another 12,000 people participate in its programs and services.

The YMCA has the largest indoor pool in Southern Oregon. The facility's dehumidification unit has required frequent maintenance and has not worked properly despite the YMCA's continued investment into it. The YMCA purchased six commercial dehumidifiers to help keep humidity levels stable when the main system was not working. However, during a COVID shut down of the pool, the main unit failed again after having just been repaired. The pool continued to heat, causing excess humidity and generating mold growth throughout the pool room, adjoining locker rooms and restrooms.

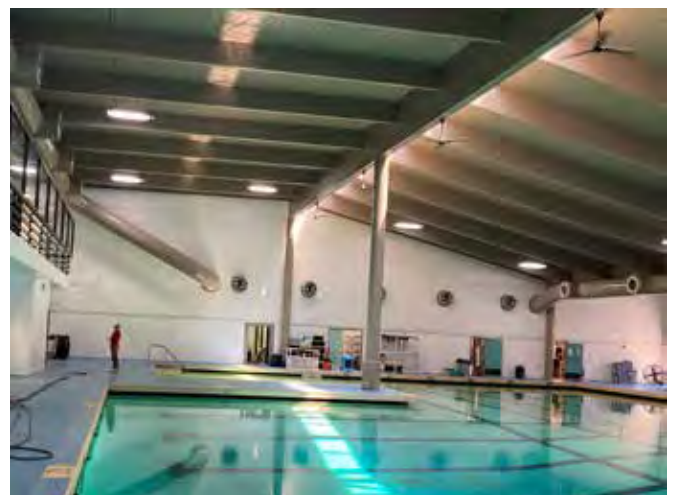
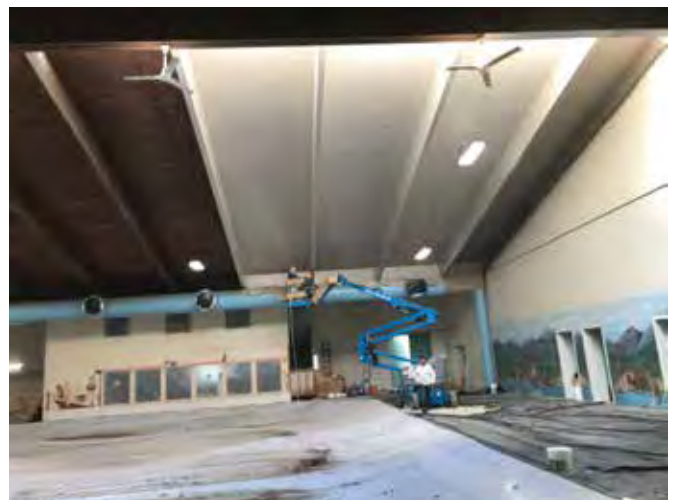
BELFOR RESPONSE

The pool room is 13,000 square feet ft. with ceilings as high as 28 feet. The pool stretches approximately 80 feet by 72 feet at depths from 3-13 feet. The ceiling structure was comprised of exposed wood beams, plus tongue and groove decking, and a large skylight running the length of the room.

Mold contamination was widespread, requiring heavy cleaning and sanding, mold sealing, and finish painting of all surfaces. BELFOR brought in approximately 15-20 crew members to handle the project, including a mold hygienist. BELFOR performed remediation and painting in the peripheral rooms (four locker rooms with restrooms, party room with kitchenette, daycare room and changing rooms).

The bulk of the remediation occurred over the top of the pool which could not be drained. BELFOR had to frame a platform around the pool so it could be tarped off entirely, protecting the pool and water from debris and contaminants. BELFOR used aerial lifts to reach otherwise inaccessible places, pull the skylight and drop in from the 4-roof system.

Due to the complicated scope and challenging logistics of the project, BELFOR was chosen to complete the 3-month project. Through BELFOR's local experience and partnerships, the project was completed smoothly, on time and within budget.



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