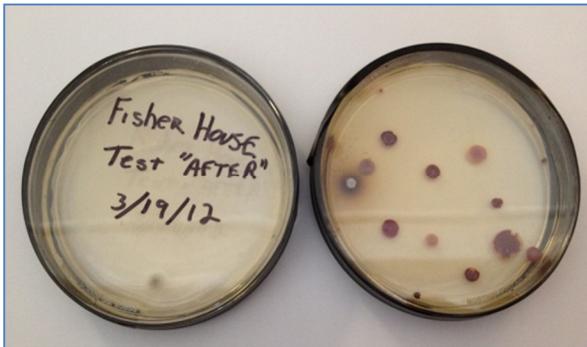


A Breath of Fresh Air at the Denver Fisher House



While the Rocky Mountain West is well known for its clear skies and fresh air, the Denver Fisher House recently worked with the company UVAIRx to install a new air treatment system in the House, increasing safety for its residents. Interest was sparked by the recent quarantine of the veterans nursing home also located on the Fitzsimmons campus due to an outbreak of Norovirus.

To understand just what the UVAIRx unit could do, air and surface quality samples were taken prior to the placement of the unit. The unit itself is relatively small – just 16 inches tall and 4 inches in diameter – and was placed in the dining room. Samples were taken again after the unit had been in operation for two weeks. The results were definitely dramatic.



This picture shows the results from the before and after testing of air quality in the dining room where the unit was placed. While the results of the test prior to the installation of the unit do not necessarily indicate that an outbreak is imminent - as many of these elements are present in small amounts - there is a noticeable improvement in air quality after installation of the unit. “Any opportunity to reduce the chance of further infections is a step we felt had to be taken and we are certainly impressed by the UVAIRx results” stated Board President Melanie Starkman.

Typically a petri dish will have almost no visible space which is a testament to the original cleanliness of the House. In the after test, all that is visible in one small spot just below the 9 in 19.

According to Jim Martin, CEO of UVAIRx, “The Denver Fisher House was actually remarkably clean in comparison to many facilities - including hospitals - we have visited recently where we conducted similar tests. However, even as clean as it was, we have definitely shown that UVAIRx can create an even safer environment for the guests.”

Interestingly enough, a resident at the house recently underwent a bone marrow transplant and her doctor contacted the House Manager, Joy Weyna-King concerned about her stay at the house. While he was not concerned about the individual rooms, he was concerned about the common areas given the patient's weakened immune system. As the UVAIRx purification system had just been installed that morning, Joy related information on the system to him which allowed him to clear the patient to continue her stay.

In addition to testing air quality, UVAIRx also checked the surface quality in the kitchen area which is across a hallway from where the unit was located. In tests conducted in previous locations UVAIRx had also seen quality improved in areas further from the unit and in fact, this was verified again within the Denver Fisher house.

The Denver Fisher House is now working with UVAIRx to install a treatment system installed directly into the air duct system to provide the same cleanliness throughout all rooms and common areas within the house. UVAIRx for its part is providing a discounted price to the Fisher House for one simple reason – a number of veterans started the company including their President. Steve Mithuen was spent 7 years in the Air Force, 1965 – 1972, and served in Vietnam. “Helping out the Fisher House was an easy decision” said Steve. “The Fisher House does exactly what we all try to do as veterans – continue our service to our fellow vets.”