

THINK FUNGUS:

What are fungal diseases?

Fungi are everywhere. Sometimes, they are too small to see with the naked eye. Fungi live:



Outdoors, in soil and plants



Indoors, on surfaces and in the air



On people's skin and inside the body

There are millions of fungal species, but only a few hundred can make people sick. Fungi can cause illnesses such as:

- Asthma or allergies
- Rashes or infections on the skin and nails
- Lung infections (pneumonia), with similar symptoms to flu or tuberculosis
- Bloodstream infections
- Meningitis

Who gets fungal diseases?

ANYONE can get a fungal infection, even people who are otherwise healthy. However, people with weakened immune systems are more likely to get a fungal infection.

For more information about fungal diseases, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/index.html>