

# **Tentative Specification for ‘Pest Management for Indoor Spaces’**

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## **Background**

In April of 2018 a tentative specification for Pest Management for Indoor Spaces was approved by the Interagency Committee. Comments on the tentative specification were received from Healthy Schools Network, suggesting adding specific illustrations or a reference to Cornell University’s Integrated Pest Management webpages. In addition, comments were offered by NYS Department of Health (DOH).

In response to these comments, the following changes were made to the specification:

- A paragraph was added to the specification referencing Cornell University’s College of Agriculture and Life Science’s Integrated Pest Management Program for information and assistance.
- As suggested by DOH, the specification was revised to clarify that anti-microbial products must be registered by both DEC and DOH. Also, information was added directing readers to a DEC database that contains a listing of registered anti-microbial products.
- As suggested by DOH, additional details were provided on what a biopesticide is. Also, information was added directing readers to a DEC database that contains a listing of registered biopesticide products.
- As suggested by DOH, language was added to make affected entities aware that they must comply with all applicable pesticide notification requirements.
- As suggested by DOH, language was added to clarify that this specification does not supersede existing requirements to undertake special disinfection and sanitation practices.