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Michael Devine, Superintendent  
Boston Pre-Release Center  
430 Canterbury Street  
Roslindale, MA 02131

Re: Facility Inspection – Boston Pre-Release Center, Roslindale

Dear Superintendent Devine:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 5, 20, and 21, as well as Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities; 105 CMR 480.000: Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste (State Sanitary Code, Chapter VIII); 105 CMR 590.000: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (State Sanitary Code Chapter X); the 1999 Food Code; 105 CMR 520.000 Labeling; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; I conducted an inspection of Boston Pre-Release Center on January 31, 2017 accompanied by John Heavy, EHSO. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 53 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

**FIRST FLOOR**

*Lobby*

No Violations Noted

*Visitor's Room # A1-4*

No Violations Noted

*Female Visitor's Bathroom # A1-5*

No Violations Noted

*Male Visitor's Bathroom # A1-6*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor's Closet # A1-7*

No Violations Noted

## **A Wing**

### *Female Staff Bathroom # A1-9*

No Violations Noted

### *Male Staff Bathroom # A1-10*

No Violations Noted

### *Intake Holding # A1-12*

No Violations Noted

### *Property # A1-17*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Heating system regulator damaged

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

### *Holding Cell # A1-18*

No Violations Noted

### *Weight Room # A1-19*

No Violations Noted

### *Male Staff Locker Room # A1-29/30*

No Violations Noted

### *Janitor's Closet # A1-31*

No Violations Noted

### *Female Staff Locker Room # A1-32/33*

No Violations Noted

### *Mechanical Room # A1-36 (Medical Waste Storage)*

No Violations Noted

### *Storage/Warehouse # A1-38*

No Violations Noted

### *Maintenance # A1-39*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

### *Office # A1-41*

No Violations Noted

### *Tool Crib #A1-10*

No Violations Noted

## **Health Service Unit**

### *Bathroom # A1-23*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

### *Medical Lab # A1-24*

105 CMR 480.500(B)

Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator did not maintain a record-keeping log for waste sent off-site for treatment

105 CMR 480.500(A)(3)

Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator had no written updated documentation for blood borne pathogen training

<i>Exam Room # A1-25</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Dental Room # A1-26</i>	No Violations Noted
<b>Food Service Area</b>	
<i>Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Ice Machine</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Grease Hood and Prep Table</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Walk-in Refrigerator</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Walk-in Freezer</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Office # A1-42</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Dry Storage Room # A1-46</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Mechanical Warewashing Room</i> FC 5-205.11(A)	Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Handwashing sink not accessible, blocked by drying rack
<i>Food Service Line</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Supply Room # A1-50</i> FC 6-501.12(A)	Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, ceiling vent dusty
<i>Rubbish Room (Chemical Storage) # A1-51</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Inmate Dining Room # A1-52</i> FC 6-101.11(A)(1)*	Materials for Construction and Repairs: Surface not easily cleanable, several dining table benches damaged
FC 6-501.11*	Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, floor damaged
<i>Staff Dining Room # A1-53</i>	No Violations Noted

## **B Wing**

### *Hallway*

No Violations Noted

### *Day Room*

No Violations Noted

### *Laundry Room # B1-31*

No Violations Noted

### *Bathroom # B1-32*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Stall lock missing on stall # 1

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

### *Shower Room # B1-33*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floors in shower # 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Door warped to shower # 1

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Exposed drywall in shower # 4

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Mold on walls in shower # 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7

### *Janitor's Closet # B1-34*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty, possible mold/mildew

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

### *Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells triple bunked

## **C Wing**

### *Day Room*

No Violations Noted

### *Bathroom # C1-32*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Shower doors rusting out at bottom in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling damaged

105 CMR 451.130

Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 117°F

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall damaged in shower # 3

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Mold in shower # 4

### *Janitor's Closet # C1-34*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

### *Cells*

No Violations Noted

### *Laundry Room # C1-31*

No Violations Noted

## **SECOND FLOOR**

### **Administrative Area**

*Janitor's Closet # A2-24*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom # A2-25*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom # A2-26*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

### **A Wing**

*Multi-Purpose Room # A2-2*

No Violations Noted

*Classrooms # A2-5/A2-4*

No Violations Noted

*Work Release Offices*

No Violations Noted

*Barber Shop # A2-11*

105 CMR 451.353  
105 CMR 451.110(A)

Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle  
Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink

*Janitor's Closet # A2-12*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # A2-34*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # A2-36*

No Violations Noted

### **B Wing**

*Day Room*

105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with  
105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

*Bathroom # B2-31 Right Side*

105 CMR 451.123\*  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.130

Maintenance: Door lock missing in stall # 1  
Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling  
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 1 not working

*Bathroom # B2-31 Left Side*

105 CMR 451.123\*  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Door lock missing in stall # 1 and 2  
Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

*Janitor's Closet # B2-32*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty, possible mold/mildew

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Shower Room # B2-33*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floors in shower # 1-7

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-7

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Door warped to shower # 1-7

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

*Laundry Room # B2-34*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells triple bunked

**C Wing**

*Computer Classroom*

No Violations Noted

*Laundry Room # C2-31*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom # C2-32*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Tile caulking dirty around baseboard, possible mold/mildew, in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Shower partitions rusted and corroded in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall tile damaged in shower # 4

*Janitor's Closet # C2-34*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 143 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of inspection, the Department recommended numbering all showers throughout the institution. This will assist the Department and Department of Correction employees to better recognize where issues exist.
3. Throughout the facility, bathrooms and shower areas were observed to be poorly maintained resulting in unsanitary conditions. Specifically, the 1<sup>st</sup> floor B wing showers were in complete disrepair, including the exposure of drywall to chronic dampness in one unfinished shower. The Department is concerned with the increased risk of disease transmission with the high number of inmates being exposed to such unsanitary conditions. We recommend ensuring all bathroom and shower areas are finished with smooth and easily cleanable surfaces as well as developing a higher frequency shower cleaning policy.

This facility does not comply with the Department's Regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please submit a plan of correction within 10 working days of receipt of this notice, indicating the specific corrective steps to be taken, a timetable for such steps, and the date by which correction will be achieved. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at [www.mass.gov/dph/dcs](http://www.mass.gov/dph/dcs) and click on "Correctional Facilities" (available in both PDF and RTF formats).

To review the Food Establishment regulations please visit the Food Protection website at [www.mass.gov/dph/fpp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/fpp) and click on "Food Protection Regulations". Then under "Retail" click "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X – Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments" and "1999 Food Code".

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at [www.mass.gov/dph/fpp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/fpp) and click on "Food Protection Regulations". Then under "General Food Regulations" click "105 CMR 520.000: Labeling."

This inspection report is signed and certified under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Riordan", is written over a faint, larger signature.

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