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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 the Boston Pre-Release Center on June 26, 2017 accompanied by Sergeant Loreli Brooks. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 96 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

*Holding Cell # A1-18*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Weight Room # A1-19*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Weight bench padding damaged on several machines

*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*

No Violations Noted

*Office # A1-41*

No Violations Noted

*Tool Crib #A1-10*

No Violations Noted

**Health Service Unit**

*Bathroom # A1-23*

No Violations Noted

*Medical Lab # A1-24*

No Violations Noted

*Dental Room # A1-26*

No Violations Noted

**Food Service Area**

*Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Grease Hood and Prep Table*

No Violations Noted

*Walk-in Refrigerator*

No Violations Noted

*Walk-in Freezer*

FC 4-903.11(A)(2) Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-service items not protected from   
contamination, knives left uncovered

*Office # A1-42*

105 CMR 590.009(G)(3)(b)(1) Special Requirements: Food Allergen Awareness Training, no prominently posted food allergen awareness training certificate

*Dry Storage Room # A1-46*

No Violations Noted

*Mechanical Warewashing Room*

FC 5-205.11(A)\* Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Handwashing sink not accessible, tray full of food blocking the sink

*Food Service Line*

No Violations Noted

*Supply Room # A1-50*

No Violations Noted

*Rubbish Room (Chemical Storage) # A1-51*

FC 6-501.11 Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, light not functioning properly

FC 5-205.11(A) Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Drain cover not secured

*Inmate Dining Room # A1-52*

FC 6-501.11\* Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, floor damaged

*Staff Dining Room # A1-53*

FC 4-602.12(B) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty

**B Wing**

*Day Room*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom # B1-31*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Stall lock missing on stall # 1 on right side

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Stall lock missing on stall # 2 on right side

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: Soap scum on floor in shower # 4

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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Mold on walls in shower # 4

*Janitor’s Closet # B1-34*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Walls covered in mold near baseboard

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored on floor

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light not functioning properly

*Laundry Room*

No Violations Noted

*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 1200F

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Mold in shower # 4

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Mold in shower # 3

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, 1 urinal broken

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower nozzle broken in handicapped shower

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 1340F at handwash sink

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Chemical stored in a soda bottle

*Janitor’s Closet # C1-34*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Standing water left in a bucket

*Laundry Room # C1-31*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Sanitizer concentration recorded too low

*Cells*

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

*IPS*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

**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\* Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

105 CMR 451.110(A)\* 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 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Sanitizer tested too low

*Bathroom # B2-31*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Door lock missing in stall # 1 on right side

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 1 not working

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Door lock missing in stall # 1 and 2 on left side

*Janitor’s Closet # B2-32*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty

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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Mold in shower # 1-7

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 6 leaking

*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*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Sanitizer tested too low

*Bathroom # C2-32*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Tile caulking moldy around baseboard 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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall tile damaged in shower # 3

*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, sinks and toilets 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 1st 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](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fc99-toc.html)”.

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,

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