

March 17, 2025

Paul Heroux, Sheriff

Bristol County Sheriff’s Office

Bristol County Jail and House of Correction

400 Faunce Corner Road

North Dartmouth, MA 02747 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection - Bristol County Modular Building, North Dartmouth

Dear Sheriff Heroux:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Bristol County Modular Building on February 26, 2025, accompanied by Michael Moreira, Fire Safety/Environmental Health and Safety Officer and Officer Justin Samanica, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 150 total deficiencies: 49 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 63 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 9 new deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 29 repeat deficiencies under the Recommended Standards.

**Overview**

**Section 1** provides details of all deficiencies, including repeat deficiencies, found during the inspection. These are categorized by Required Standards, Recommended Standards, or additional applicable regulatory standards.

**Section 2** provides information on areas that EHRS found to be compliant.

**Section 3** documents the areas that EHRS did not inspect.

**Section 4** provides information on submitting a Plan of Correction for the identified deficiencies.

**Section 5** outlines observations and recommendations related to the inspection.

**SECTION 1: Health and Safety Deficiencies**

**Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)**

49 new deficiencies and 63 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an \*) were found during the inspection:

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| 1. Modular Kitchen
 | Traulsen Refrigerators | 105 CMR 451.200\* | Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained is a state of good repair refrigerator gaskets dirty on right and left side. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(B). |
| 1. 1 West
 | Staff Bathroom | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty |
| 1. 1 West
 | Bathroom 1 (Right Side) | 105 CMR 451.117\* | Toilet Fixtures: Urinal dirty |
| 1. 1 West
 | Bathroom 1 (Right Side) | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 4 |
| 1. 1 West
 | Bathroom 1 (Right Side) | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 3 and 4 |
| 1. 1 West
 | Bathroom 1 (Right Side) | 105 CMR 451.130 | Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 1 running continuously |
| 1. 1 West
 | Bathroom 2 (Left Side) | 105 CMR 451.117\* | Toilet Fixtures: Urinal # 1 and 2 dirty |
| 1. 1 West
 | Bathroom 2 (Left Side) | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Floor epoxy damaged under toilet # 5 |
| 1. 1 West
 | Bathroom 2 (Left Side) | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Drain flies observed throughout |
| 1. 1 West
 | Bathroom 2 (Left Side) | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 3, 4, and 5 |
| 1. 1 West
 | Bathroom 2 (Left Side) | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 3 |
| 1. 1 West
 | Bathroom 2 (Left Side) | 105 CMR 451.126 | Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: No hot water supplied to handwash sink # 5 |
| 1. 1 East
 | Staff Bathroom | 105 CMR 451.110(A)\* | Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink |
| 1. 1 East
 | Staff Bathroom | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty |
| 1. 1 East
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.117\* | Toilet Fixtures: Urinal dirty |
| 1. 1 East
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Floor epoxy damaged |
| 1. 1 East
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1 |
| 1. 1 East
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 2, 3, and 4 |
| 1. 1 East
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.117\* | Toilet Fixtures: Urinal # 1 and 2 dirty |
| 1. 1 East
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Light shields rusted |
| 1. 1 East
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Floor surface damaged at entrance |
| 1. 1 East
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 |
| 1. 1 East
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Wall vent dusty |
| 1. 1 East
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Toilet partition paint damaged |
| 1. 1 East
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.124 | Water Supply: Insufficient hot water supply in quantity and pressure at handwash sink # 8 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Staff Bathroom | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1 and 2 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 4 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Light shields rusted |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Floor epoxy damaged at entrance |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 4 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Mold on walls in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 4 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Mold on floor in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 4 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Floor drain clogged in shower # 1 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.130\* | Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, water control damaged at handwash sink # 5 and 7 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.130 | Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 3 running continuously |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.130 | Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet loose at handwash sink # 4 and 7 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.117 | Toilet Fixtures: Urinal dirty |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Drain flies observed throughout |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Toilet partitions dirty |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 8 and 9 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Wall vent paint damaged |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Wall surface damaged  |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 8, 9, and 10 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.130\* | Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal # 1 not flushing appropriately |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.130 | Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 8 out-of-order |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.130 | Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 14 running continuously |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.130 | Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet loose at handwash sink # 12 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.117 | Toilet Fixtures: Urinal # 1 dirty |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Ceiling cracked |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 10 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 7, 8, 9, and 10 |
| 1. 2 East
 | Offices | 105 CMR 451.200\* | Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, single-use plastic utensils left uncovered and open to contamination |
| 1. 2 East
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.117\* | Toilet Fixtures: Urinal dirty |
| 1. 2 East
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123\* | Maintenance: Window cracked on door |
| 1. 2 East
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged at entrance |
| 1. 2 East
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 |
| 1. 2 East
 | Bathroom 1 (right side)  | 105 CMR 451.130 | Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair; hot water control damaged at handwash sink # 3 |
| 1. 2 East
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.117\* | Toilet Fixtures: Urinal # 1 and 2 dirty |
| 1. 2 East
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.130 | Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet loose at handwash sink # 9 |
| 1. 2 East
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.130 | Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, hot water control not working appropriately at handwash sink # 10, 13, and 14 |
| 1. 2 East
 | Bathroom 2 (left side)  | 105 CMR 451.123 | Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 10 |
| 1. Training Area
 | Staff Bathroom # 037 | 105 CMR 451.110(A)\* | Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink  |

**Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)**

9 new deficiencies and 29 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an \*) were found during the inspection:

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| 1. 1 West
 | Storage Room | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged |
| 1. 1 West
 | Storage Room | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling |
| 1. 1 West
 | Offices | 105 CMR 451.353 | Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged |
| 1. 1 West
 | Main Area | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged outside laundry room |
| 1. 1 West
 | Dorms | 105 CMR 451.320\* | Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms |
| 1. 1 East
 | Storage | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged |
| 1. 1 East
 | Storage | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged |
| 1. 1 East
 | Storage | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Mold on walls |
| 1. 1 East
 | Main Area | 105 CMR 451.353 | Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged behind officer's station |
| 1. 1 East
 | Dorms | 105 CMR 451.320\* | Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms |
| 1. 1 East
 | Dorms | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles missing in dorm # 146 |
| 1. 1 East
 | Dorms | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in dorm # 142 |
| 1. 2nd Floor
 |  | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged  |
| 1. 2nd Floor
 |  | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged |
| 1. 2 West
 | Main Area | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Baseboard damaged |
| 1. 2 West
 | Main Area | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged |
| 1. 2 West
 | Main Area | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged |
| 1. 2 West
 | Main Area | 105 CMR 451.350 | Structural Maintenance: Window cracked at entrance |
| 1. 2 West
 | Main Area | 105 CMR 451.360 | Protective Measures: Building not protected against infestation, drain flies observed throughout |
| 1. 2 West
 | Mechanical Room | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged |
| 1. 2 West
 | Mechanical Room | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged |
| 1. 2 West
 | Mechanical Room | 105 CMR 451.350\* | Structural Maintenance: Ceiling leaking |
| 1. 2 West
 | Classroom |  | 105 CMR 451.353 | Interior Maintenance: Baseboard missing |
| 1. 2 West
 | Dorm Hallway |  | 105 CMR 451.353 | Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged |
| 1. 2 West
 | Janitor’s Closet | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged |
| 1. 2 West
 | Janitor’s Closet | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in sink |
| 1. 2 West
 | Dorms |  | 105 CMR 451.320\* | Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms |
| 1. 2 West
 | Dorms |  | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Door handle damaged in dorm # 208 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Dorms |  | 105 CMR 451.360 | Protective Measures: Building not protected against infestation, drain flies observed in dorm # 212 |
| 1. 2 West
 | Dorm Hallway |  | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged |
| 1. 2 East
 | Storage |  | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged |
| 1. 2 East
 | Storage |  | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Mold on duct work |
| 1. 2 East
 | Main Area |  | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged |
| 1. 2 East
 | Main Area |  | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Water fountain rusted |
| 1. 2 East
 | Dorm Hallway |  | 105 CMR 451.353 | Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged |
| 1. 2 East
 | Janitor’s Closet | 105 CMR 451.353 | Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket |
| 1. 2 East
 | Dorms |  | 105 CMR 451.320\* | Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms |
| 1. Training Area
 |  |  | 105 CMR 451.353\* | Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing and damaged |

**SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance**

EHRS inspected 19 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

**Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect**

EHRS inspected all areas of the facility.

**SECTION 4: Plan of Correction**

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. The Plan of Correction must include:

1. Specific corrective steps to be taken
2. A timetable for the corrective actions for larger projects
3. The date by which correction will be achieved
4. Any interim measures being implemented to ensure the health and safety of incarcerated individuals and facility staff
5. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

**SECTION 4: Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 190 at the time of inspection.
2. During the inspection, EHRS found many shower identification tags damaged or painted over making them difficult or impossible to read. EHRS recommended implementing a numbering system for all toilet and shower stalls to allow EHRS and Correctional staff to better recognize where issues exist.
3. Throughout the facility, bathrooms and shower areas were observed to be poorly maintained resulting in unsanitary conditions. EHRS is concerned with the increased risk of disease transmission with the high number of inmates being exposed to such unsanitary conditions. EHRS 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.

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" [105 CMR 451.000](https://www.mass.gov/regulations/105-CMR-45100-minimum-health-and-sanitation-standards-and-inspection-procedures-for-correctional-facilities) is available in both PDF and RTF formats. For more specific information about the food standards, you can download the merged food code, which can be found [here](https://www.mass.gov/doc/merged-food-code-111618/download).

An inspection may also include observations of other conditions which could constitute a threat to the health or safety of inmates or employees, including but not limited to the standards set forth by the Department as follows, and report on such pursuant to 451.402(B). You can use these links below to review these standards:

* [105 CMR 205.000](https://www.mass.gov/regulations/105-CMR-20500-minimum-standards-governing-medical-records-and-the-conduct-of-physical-examinations-in-correctional-facilities?_gl=1*ws80pz*_ga*MTk5MDEyMzUyMi4xNjM1NDMwMjU1*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTczNDY0MDg3Mi4yNzguMS4xNzM0NjQxNDE3LjAuMC4w): Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities
* [105 CMR 480.000](https://www.mass.gov/regulations/105-CMR-48000-minimum-requirements-for-the-management-of-medical-or-biological-waste-state-sanitary-code-chapter-viii?_gl=1*c27utb*_ga*MTk5MDEyMzUyMi4xNjM1NDMwMjU1*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTczNDY0MDg3Mi4yNzguMS4xNzM0NjQxNDQ5LjAuMC4w): Minimum requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste
* [105 CMR 500.000](https://www.mass.gov/regulations/105-CMR-50000-good-manufacturing-practices-for-food?_gl=1*ow2nps*_ga*MTk5MDEyMzUyMi4xNjM1NDMwMjU1*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTczNDY0MDg3Mi4yNzguMS4xNzM0NjQxNDg3LjAuMC4w): Good Manufacturing Practices for Food

This inspection report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

 Sincerely,

 

 Patrick Wallace

 Environmental Health Inspector, EHRS, BCEH