

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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September 22, 2023

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:

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: Minimum Requirements for the Management of 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 2013 Food Code; 105 CMR 500.000 Good Manufacturing Practices for Food; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; the Department's Community Sanitation Program (CSP) conducted an inspection of the Bristol County Modular Building on September 12, 2023 accompanied by Lieutenant Andrew Mitzan, Environmental Health and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 43 repeat violations:

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace

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Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BCEH

cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, Commissioner, DPH

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## **HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

### Modular Kitchen

Loading Dock

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom# 013 (near Loading Dock)

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

Staff Bathroom # 011

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

Storage Closet # 012A

No Violations Noted

Storage Room # 014A

No Violations Noted

Storage Room # 016A

FC 6-501.12(A)\* Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures -

Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, ceiling dirty, possible

mold/mildew

FC 6-501.11 Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures -

Methods: Facility not in good repair, wall paint damaged

Walk-In Freezer

FC 6-501.12(A) Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures -

Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, ice build-up on floor

Traulsen Refrigerators

FC 4-501.11(B) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained

in a state of good repair, gaskets dirty on left and right side refrigerator

FC 4-204.112(B) Design and Construction, Functionality: Cold holding equipment not equipped

with a permanently affixed temperature measuring device, no thermometer in left

side refrigerator

1st Floor Medical Room

No Violations Noted

1 West

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

1 East

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Storage

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

Offices

No Violations Noted

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Classroom

No Violations Noted

Main Area

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Bathroom 1 (right side)

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap dispensers rusted

105 CMR 451.117\* Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal

Bathroom 2 (left side)

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 10 105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap dispensers rusted

105 CMR 451.117\* Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Light shields rusted

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor surface damaged at entrance

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Partition paint damaged in shower # 6-10

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 6

Dorms

105 CMR 451.322\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Medical Room

No Violations Noted

2 West

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Storage

No Violations Noted

Mechanical Room

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Ceiling leaking 105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged

Offices

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained

Classroom

No Violations Noted

Main Area

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Baseboard damaged 105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

Janitor's Closet 105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged Interior Maintenance: Wet mops stored in slop sink 105 CMR 451.353\* Bathroom 1 (right side) 105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Partition paint damaged in shower # 1 105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap dispensers rusted Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1 and 2 105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1 and 2 105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Light shields rusted 105 CMR 451.123\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 2, 4, and 7 105 CMR 451.130 running continuously Bathroom 2 (left side) 105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Partition paint damaged in shower # 8, 9, and 10 105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap dispensers rusted Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 10 105 CMR 451.123\* 105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal # 2 out-of-order Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 8, 12, and 105 CMR 451.130 14 running continuously Maintenance: Partition paint damaged in shower # 6 and 7 105 CMR 451.123 Water Supply: Insufficient water supply in quantity and pressure in shower # 10 105 CMR 451.124 Dorms 105 CMR 451.322\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in dorm # 203, 206, 209, and 211 105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in dorm hallway 105 CMR 451.353 105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Mold growth observed on walls in dorm hallway Interior Maintenance: Door handle damaged in dorm # 208 105 CMR 451.353 2 East Law Library No Violations Noted Staff Bathroom No Violations Noted Storage No Violations Noted Offices No Violations Noted Classroom No Violations Noted Main Area 105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Bathroom 1 (right side)

105 CMR 451.117\* Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal 105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Holes in ceiling above showers

Bathroom 2 (left side)

105 CMR 451.117\* Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

Dorms

105 CMR 451.322\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms

**Training Area** 

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing and damaged

Storage Closet # 039

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom # 038

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom # 037

No Violations Noted

**Mods Intake Area** 

*Bathroom* # 030

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # 027

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

## **Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 111 at the time of inspection.

2. Throughout the facility, bathrooms and shower areas were observed to be poorly maintained resulting in unsanitary conditions. The CSP 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 <a href="www.mass.gov/dph/dcs">www.mass.gov/dph/dcs</a> and click on "Correctional Facilities" (available in both PDF and RTF formats).

To review the Food Establishment Regulations or download a copy, please visit the Food Protection website at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/dph/fpp">www.mass.gov/dph/fpp</a> and click on "Retail food". Then under DPH Regulations and FDA Code click "Merged Food Code" or "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X - Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments".

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at <a href="www.mass.gov/dph/fpp">www.mass.gov/dph/fpp</a> and click on "Food Protection Program regulations". Then under Food Processing click "105 CMR 500.000: Good Manufacturing Practices for Food".

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

Sincerely,

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