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Thomas M. Hodgson, 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 Hodgson:

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 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 27, 2022 accompanied by Lieutenant Andrew Mitzan, Environmental Health and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 29 repeat violations:

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

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace  
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

cc: Margret R. Cooke, Commissioner, DPH  
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## **HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

### **Modular Kitchen**

FC 6-201.16(A)\*

Design, Construction, and Installation; Cleanability: Walls not easily cleanable, paint damaged in several areas

### *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*

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Area not rodent and weathertight, gap at bottom of door to exterior

### *Storage Room # 016A*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling dirty, possible mold/mildew

### *Walk-In Freezer*

No Violations Noted

### *Traulsen Refrigerators*

No Violations Noted

### **1<sup>st</sup> 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: Walls dirty in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Soap dispensers rusted

105 CMR 451.117\*

Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Holes in ceiling above showers

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor epoxy damaged throughout shower area

*Bathroom 2 (left side)*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Wall vent dusty in shower area

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 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal # 2 clogged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Holes in ceiling above showers

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Light shields rusted

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 6, 7, 8, and 9

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 6 running continuously

*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

*Offices*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained

*Classroom*

No Violations Noted

*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Baseboard missing

*Janitor's Closet*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mops stored in bucket

*Bathroom 1 (right side)*

105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Partition paint damaged in shower # 1
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap dispensers rusted
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Light shields rusted

*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
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10
105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet # 6 out-of-order

*Dorms*

105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dusty in dorm # 201-213

**2 East**

105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged at entrance
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*Law Library*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Offices*

No Violations Noted

*Classroom*

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
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*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
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*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
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 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 10
105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal # 1 and 2
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 8
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap dispensers rusted
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

*Dorms*

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

*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 115 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 [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 or download a copy, please visit the Food Protection website at [www.mass.gov/dph/fpp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/fpp) 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 [www.mass.gov/dph/fpp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/fpp) 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Patrick Wallace  
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH