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Robert Ogden, Sheriff
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Re: Facility Inspection - Dukes County Jail and House of Correction, Edgartown

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Dukes County Jail and House of Correction on November 20, 2024, accompanied by Michael Trance, Captain of Standards and Compliance, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 30 total deficiencies: 10 deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 3 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 4 deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300series), and 13 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)

10 new deficiencies and 3 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	Kitchen	Coffee Station	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Interior of microwave oven not cleaned every 24 hours. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.12(B).	Corrected On-site
2.	Kitchen	Pantry	105 CMR 451.200	Protection from Contamination After Receiving; Preventing Contamination from Equipment, Utensils, and Linens: Utensil handle not stored above the food in the container, scoop stored in salt. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-304.12(B).	Corrected On-site
3.	Unit # 2	Dorm Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum throughout shower # 1 and 2	
4.	Unit # 2	Dorm Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall left unfinished outside shower # 2	
5.	Unit # 2	Dorm Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Trim damaged around bottom of shower # 1 and 2	
6.	Unit # 2	Dorm Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling outside shower # 1 and 2	
7.	Unit # 2	Dorm Shower	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 1 leaking	
8.	Unit # 2	Dorm Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged around toilet	
9.	Unit # 3	Shower Stall	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower wall stained	
10.	Unit # 3	Shower Stall	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower threshold paint damaged	

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

4 new deficiencies and 13 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	Police Lock-Up	Male Holding Cell	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space	
2.	Police Lock-Up	Male Holding Cell	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling surface damaged	
3.	Police Lock-Up	Female Holding Cell	105 CMR 451.341*	Natural Light in Cell: No natural light source	
4.	Police Lock-Up	Female Holding Cell	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space	
5.	Police Lock-Up	Female Holding Cell	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Interior of toilet bowl rusted	
6.	Pre-Release Unit	Hallway	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Floor damaged around floor vent	
7.	Ad. Seg. Unit	Stainless Steel Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored on floor	
8.	Ad. Seg. Unit	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, double bunked in cell # 2	
9.	Unit # 1	Hallway	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged	
10.	Unit # 1	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells, double bunked in cell # 3	

11. Unit # 1	Cells	105 CMR 451.320	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells, double banded in cell # 1
12. Unit # 2	Day Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Junction box hanging from ceiling
13. Unit # 2	Dorm Room	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room
14. Second Floor Units	Main Hallway	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged outside Unit # 3
15. Unit # 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells, all cells double banded
16. Unit # 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, double banded in cell # 3
17. Outside Area	Male Locker Room	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Rear exterior door not rodent and weathertight

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 43 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

EHRS did not inspect 4 areas of the facility because they were either in use, locked, or under construction.

1. Pre-Release Unit	Cells	Unable to Inspect – Closed – Used for storage
2. Unit # 1	Cells	Unable to Inspect – Cell # 2 offline
3. Nurse's Office	Bathroom	Unable to Inspect – Locked
4. Outside Area	Female Locker Room	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

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 which includes:

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 5: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 11 at the time of inspection.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcs and click on "Correctional Facilities" [105 CMR 451.000](#), 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](#).

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](#): Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities
- [105 CMR 480.000](#): Minimum requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste
- [105 CMR 500.000](#): Good Manufacturing Practices for Food

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

Sincerely,



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