December 17, 2021

Douglas Bower, Superintendent
MASAC in Plymouth
Myles Standish State Forest
Plymouth, MA 02360

Re: Facility Inspection – MASAC in Plymouth

Dear Superintendent Bower:

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 MASAC in Plymouth on December 7, 2021 accompanied by Adam Lattanzio, Environmental Health and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 35 repeat violations.

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas Gale
Environmental Analyst, CSP, BEH

cc: Margret R. Cooke, Acting Commissioner, DPH
Nalina Narain, Director, BEH
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Timothy Gotovich, Director, Policy Development and Compliance Unit
Adam Lattanzio, EHSO
Karen Keane, Health Director, Plymouth Health Department
Clerk, Massachusetts House of Representatives
Clerk, Massachusetts Senate
HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS
(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

Exterior Trailer – Main Entrance
105 CMR 451.353*  Interior Maintenance: Floor surface not easily cleanable, plywood material

Central Control
Lobby
                                No Violations Noted
Control
                                No Violations Noted

Operations Area
Safety Director
                                No Violations Noted
Office of Investigations
                                No Violations Noted
Shift Supervisor’s Office
                                No Violations Noted
Break Room
                                No Violations Noted
Female Staff Bathroom
105 CMR 451.130  Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink faucet leaking
105 CMR 451.123  Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket
Male Staff Bathroom
105 CMR 451.123  Maintenance: Wall damaged
Medication Room
                                No Violations Noted
Medical Office
105 CMR 451.353*  Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged
Medical Treatment Room
105 CMR 451.109*  Toilet and Handwash Facilities: Toilet and handwash facilities not adequately and conveniently located
Mail/Property Clerk
                                No Violations Noted

Ax Dorn
Hallway
                                No Violations Noted

Patient Snack Room
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged

*Staff Break Room

No Violations Noted

Day Room 1
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged

Day Room 2
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged

Bathroom Area
105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged above toilet # 1
105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 3 and 8 out-of-order

Shower Area
No Violations Noted

Toxic/Caustic Closet
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged

Patient Rooms
105 CMR 451.320* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, all rooms double-bunked
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged in all rooms
105 CMR 451.141* Screens: Window screen missing in all rooms
105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Window damaged in room # 135
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling light damaged in room # 116 and 123
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing on light fixture in room # 135 and 144

B Dorm

Patient Snack Room
No Violations Noted

Recreation Room
No Violations Noted

Hallway
No Violations Noted

Storage Room # 201
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged

Storage Room # 202
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged

Day Room # 249
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Radiator damaged
105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Security screen damaged

Toxic/Caustic Room
No Violations Noted

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<td>105 CMR 451.130</td>
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**Shower Area**

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<td>105 CMR 451.123*</td>
<td>Maintenance: Drain flies observed in shower # 5</td>
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<td>105 CMR 451.123</td>
<td>Maintenance: Wall tile damaged outside shower # 2</td>
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<td>Maintenance: Window frame damaged outside showers</td>
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**Patient Rooms**

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<td>Screens: Window screen missing in all the rooms</td>
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<td>105 CMR 451.353*</td>
<td>Interior Maintenance: Radiators damaged in all rooms</td>
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<td>105 CMR 451.350</td>
<td>Structural Maintenance: Window damaged in room # 242</td>
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<td>105 CMR 451.104</td>
<td>Beds: Bed not in good repair, bed frame damaged in cell # 221</td>
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<td>Beds: Bed not in good repair, bed support springs damaged in cell # 245</td>
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**C Dorm**

**West Wing**

**Hallway**

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**Staff Male Bathroom**

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**Staff Female Bathroom**

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**Janitor's Closet**

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<td>105 CMR 451.123*</td>
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<td>105 CMR 451.123*</td>
<td>Maintenance: Multiple toilet stall partitions rusted</td>
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<td>105 CMR 451.130*</td>
<td>Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet loose at front handwash sink # 4</td>
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<td>105 CMR 451.123</td>
<td>Maintenance: Wall tile damaged under handwash sink # 1</td>
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<td>105 CMR 451.123</td>
<td>Maintenance: Floor tile damaged in front of handwash sink # 1</td>
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<td>Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 1, 5, 8, and 9 leaking</td>
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<td>105 CMR 451.123</td>
<td>Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in shower # 1</td>
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**North Hallway**

**Supply Closet**

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Observation Room # 327, 329, and 330
No Violations Noted

Offices # 331-333
No Violations Noted

Storage # 328
No Violations Noted

Doctor’s Office # 349
No Violations Noted

Blood Lab/Admissions #350
No Violations Noted

Booking Office # 347
No Violations Noted

Body Scanning Room # 344
No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Watch Rooms # 1-4
No Violations Noted

HSU

Medication Room
Toilet and Handwash Facilities: Toilet and handwash facilities not adequately and conveniently located

Nursing Station
No Violations Noted

Medical Records
No Violations Noted

Director of Nursing Office
No Violations Noted

Ward Room

Doctor’s Office (Provider’s Office)
No Violations Noted

Shower Room (Handicapped)
No Violations Noted

Ward Bathroom # 1
No Violations Noted
Ward Bathroom # 2
No Violations Noted

M.A.T. Area

Waiting Area
No Violations Noted

Medication Distribution Room
No Violations Noted

Food Service
The following Food Code violations listed in BOLD were observed to be corrected on-site.

Dining Room
No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Visitor’s Bathroom
105 CMR 451.130
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet continuously running

Kitchen

Toxic/Caustic Room
No Violations Noted

Toxic/Caustic Area
FC 6-202.15(A)(3)
Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Exterior door not weathertight

Kitchen Manager’s Room
No Violations Noted

Stove Area
No Violations Noted

Kettle
No Violations Noted

Oven Area
FC 4-501.11(B)*
Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, Traulsen refrigerator gaskets damaged near stove

Walk-In Refrigerator
FC 6-501.12(A)
Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not properly cleaned, ceiling dirty above fans

FC 3-302.11(A)(4) Preventing Contamination after Receiving; Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Cookies stored uncovered

Walk-In Freezer
No Violations Noted
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<th>Violation Details</th>
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<td><strong>Dry Storage</strong></td>
<td>Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, light out</td>
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<td>Central Common Area</td>
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<td>Handwash Sink (near Dry Storage)</td>
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<td>2-Compartment Sink Area</td>
<td>Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, faucet on right leaking</td>
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<td>3-Compartment Sink Area</td>
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<td>Dishwasher Machine Area</td>
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<td>FC 6-301.14*</td>
<td>Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Sinks: No handwashing signage located at handwashing sink</td>
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<td>FC 6-301.12</td>
<td>Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Facilities: No hand drying method available at handwashing sink</td>
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<td>FC 6-301.20</td>
<td>Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Facilities: No waste receptacle provided for disposable towel</td>
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<td>Main Area</td>
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<td>Freezer # 1</td>
<td>Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, exterior thermometer not working properly</td>
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<td>Freezer # 2 – Storage Unit</td>
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<td>Bunk House # 25 (Office Space)</td>
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<td>Large Office Space</td>
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<td>Rear Bathroom</td>
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<td>Front Bathroom</td>
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<td>Small Office Space</td>
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<td>Bunk House # 24 (Office Space)</td>
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Office Cubicles
No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Building # 17 (Training Room)
105 CMR 451.109*
Toilet and Handwash Facilities: Toilet and handwash facilities not adequately and conveniently located

Laundry
105 CMR 451.141*
Screens: Window screen damaged

Library
No Violations Noted

Weight Room
Unable to Inspect – Closed for Demolition

Classroom Building # 23

Record Storage
No Violations Noted

Large Classroom
105 CMR 451.350*
Structural Maintenance: Exterior door encasing rotted

Middle Classrooms
No Violations Noted

West Classroom
105 CMR 451.353*
Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged
105 CMR 451.350* Structural Maintenance: Large door not rodent and weathertight
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Light shields missing

Pondside Building

Bathroom # 1
No Violations Noted

Bathroom # 2
No Violations Noted

Office Area
105 CMR 451.353*
Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in rear office space

EHSO Office
No Violations Noted

Navigator Building

Kitchenette
No Violations Noted
Offices
No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom
No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The patient population was 40 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of inspection, the CSP recommended installing a floor covering that is more durable and easily cleanable in the Exterior Trailer near the main entrance.
3. The Medical Exam Room near Central Control and the HSU Medication Room do not have convenient handwashing facilities. Please provide a policy which states how the institution will ensure the health and safety of inmates and staff working inside these areas.
4. The Building #17 does not have convenient and permanent handwashing facilities for staff stationed in the building. The CSP observed temporary handwash stations located outside the building next to the portable toilets. The CSP remains concerned with the lack of appropriate handwashing facilities. Please provide a policy which states how the institution will maintain these temporary handwashing stations, and provide a timeline for permanent handwashing facilities to be constructed.
5. The Building #17 does not have convenient toilet facilities for staff stationed in the building. The CSP observed 2 portable toilets outside the Building which can only be accessed by staff. The CSP remains concerned with the lack of appropriate toilet facilities. Please provide a policy which states how often the portable toilets are serviced and cleaned, as well as a policy which indicates an alternative, convenient toilet facility for the Building during months which temperatures do not permit the usage of outdoor bathrooms usage. In addition, please provide a timeline for permanent toilet facilities to be constructed.

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,

Nicholas Gale  
Environmental Analyst, CSP, BEH