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Allison Hallett, Superintendent
Pondville Correctional Center
P.O. Box 146
Norfolk, MA 02056

(electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection - Pondville Correctional Center, Norfolk

Dear Superintendent Hallett:

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 Pondville Correctional Center on October 18, 2022 accompanied by Charlie Alves, Locksmith. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 15 repeat violations.

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

Sincerely,

Kelli Poulin
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

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

FOOD SERVICE

Dining Area

No Violations Noted

Kitchen

FC 6-301.11

Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Sinks: No soap at handwash sink^{Pf}

FC 5-205.15(B)

Plumbing System; Operation and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, 3-compartment sink leaking underneath

FC 4-903.11(B)(2)

Protection of Clean Items; Storing: Equipment and Utensils not stored covered or inverted, single-use utensils stored uncovered

FC 6-501.12(A)

Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, wall fan dusty

FC 3-304.14(B)(1)

Protection from Contamination After Receiving; Preventing Contamination from Equipment, Utensils, and Linens: Wet cloth not stored in sanitizer solution

FC 6-404.11

Location and Placement; Distressed Merchandise: Dented cans not properly segregated^{Pf}

Mechanical Warewashing Area

No Violations Noted

Front Dry Storage

No Violations Noted

Walk-in Refrigerator/Freezer

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Rear Dry Storage

No Violations Noted

Exterior Freezer

No Violations Noted

Toxic Caustic Room (near Barber Shop)

No Violations Noted

WAREHOUSE

Bulk Storage (Outside)

105 CMR 451.360*

Protective Measures: Effective measures against the presence of rodents on the premises not taken, rodent droppings observed

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Floor surface damaged

Toxic Caustic

No Violations Noted

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Barber Shop

No Violations Noted

House Manager's Office

No Violations Noted

PROPERTY

No Violations Noted

CONTROL

Shift Commander Office (Medical Waste Policies/Procedures Book)

No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Classroom

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: One light out

Staff Break Room

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom (in Hall)

No Violations Noted

Holding Cell

No Violations Noted

DAY ROOM

No Violations Noted

Library

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tile water stained

Law Library

No Violations Noted

VISITING ROOM

No Violations Noted

H.S.U.

Medical Records Room

No Violations Noted

Doctor's Office

No Violations Noted

Nurse's Office (Medical Waste Log Book)

105 CMR 480.500(B)	Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator did not maintain a record-keeping log for waste sent off-site for treatment, missing August 2022 entry
105 CMR 480.400(A)	Shipping Papers: Waste generators were not preparing, signing, or maintaining shipping papers before shipping off site, missing August 2022 shipping paper
105 CMR 480.425(A)	Tracking Medical or Biological Waste for Treatment: Generator did not confirm the shipment was received by the treatment facility within 30 days on an approved tracking form, missing June 2022 tracking form

Offices

No Violations Noted

Administrative Assistants Office

No Violations Noted

IPS Office

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Medical Waste Storage (Boiler Room)

No Violations Noted

ADMINISTRATION AREA

No Violations Noted

Superintendent Office

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Deputy Superintendent Office

Unable to Inspect – Locked

HOUSING UNITS

1-1

Bathroom

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Cells

105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 123 and 133

Work Release Office

No Violations Noted

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Mail/I.D Office

No Violations Noted

1-2

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 2
Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1

Cells

105 CMR 451.320*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked

Laundry

No Violations Noted

1-3

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.130

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower
Maintenance: Wall tiles damaged in shower
Maintenance: Drain cover not secured in shower
Maintenance: Grout moldy in shower
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking

Handicapped Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*
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Maintenance: Mold on floor in shower
Maintenance: Mold on walls in shower
Maintenance: Sealant damaged on floor in shower
Maintenance: Sealant damaged on walls in shower

Cells

105 CMR 451.320*
105 CMR 451.353

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked
Interior Maintenance: Window shade damaged in cell # 142

2-1

Cells

105 CMR 451.320*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Radiator damaged

Slop Sink (in Bathroom)

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

Records Room

No Violations Noted

2-2

Showers

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Partition bracket rusted near urinal
Maintenance: Hand dryer out-of-order

Cells
105 CMR 451.320* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked

2-3

2nd Floor Laundry

No Violations Noted

Operations

No Violations Noted

Showers

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

Bathroom
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling dirty

Cells
105 CMR 451.320* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked

2-4

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Cells
105 CMR 451.320* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells, cells double bunked

DUMPSTER AREA

No Violations Noted

GYM

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Bottom of exterior door frame damaged

BUILDING # 14

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Roof soffit damaged

Classifications

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 83 at the time of inspection.

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 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 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 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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