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November 16, 2016

Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department
20 Bradston Street
Boston, MA 02118

Re: Facility Inspection – Suffolk County Jail, Boston

Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

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 1999 Food Code; 105 CMR 520.000 Labeling; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; I conducted an inspection of the Suffolk County Jail on October 17, 2016 accompanied by John Fallon, Environmental Health and Safety/Fire Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 1 repeat violation:

HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

Entry Level

Front Lobby

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling and walls dusty in phone/locker area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Male Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom

No Violations Noted

7th Floor

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Visiting Rooms

No Violations Noted

Floor 6.5

Gym No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom # 6503 No Violations Noted

Storage Room # 6504 No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom # 6505 No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom # 6506 No Violations Noted

6th Floor

Staff Bathroom 6-1 & 6-2 No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom 6-3 & 6-4 No Violations Noted

Control 6-1 & 6-1A
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Unit 6-1A

Common Area No Violations Noted

Kitchenette No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 61B No Violations Noted

Storage Room # 61G No Violations Noted

Shower Area No Violations Noted

Cells No Violations Noted

Unit 6-1

Common Area
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty outside shower # 617 and 618

Visiting Rooms No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Attorney Room

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Door window broken

Slop Sink Room

No Violations Noted

Second Floor Storage Room

No Violations Noted

Shower # 617

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Walls dirty

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Door paint peeling

Shower # 618

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Walls dirty

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Door paint peeling

Shower # 711

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Door paint damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Walls dirty

Shower # 712

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Door paint damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Walls dirty

Cells

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 37

Control 6-2

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Unit 6-2

Common Area

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 62B

No Violations Noted

Shower # 625

No Violations Noted

Shower # 626

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Debris in wall vent

Storage # 620

No Violations Noted

Meeting Room # 627

No Violations Noted

Visiting Room

No Violations Noted

Shower # 721

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall vent rusted

Shower # 722

No Violations Noted

Shower # 723

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on door window

Cells

No Violations Noted

Control 6-3 & 6-4

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Unit 6-3

Common Area

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

Meeting Room # 63B

No Violations Noted

Shower # 63C

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 63D

No Violations Noted

Shower # 63E

No Violations Noted

Storage Room # 63F

No Violations Noted

Shower # 63G

No Violations Noted

Shower # 63H

No Violations Noted

Shower # 63I

No Violations Noted

Visiting Rooms

No Violations Noted

<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Recreational Deck</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Unit 6-4</i>	
<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i> 105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty
<i>Shower # 64B</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
<i>Shower # 64C</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
<i>Slop Sink Closet</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 64D</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Meeting Room # 64E</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Room # 64F</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 64G</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 64H</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 64I</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
<i>Visiting Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Potentially hazardous food not held at the proper cold holding temperature, unrefrigerated milk stored above cell # 26
<u>5th Floor</u>	
<i>Hallway</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Visiting Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted

Medical Area***Waiting Room***

No Violations Noted

Nurses Area

No Violations Noted

Room # 5504

No Violations Noted

Omni Cell Room # 5041

No Violations Noted

Room # 5044

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Locker and Bathroom # 5093

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Locker and Bathroom # 5124

No Violations Noted

Staff Break Room # 5033

No Violations Noted

Dental Office

No Violations Noted

Exam Room # 1 and Bathroom # 5032

No Violations Noted

Exam Room # 2 and Bathroom # 5030

No Violations Noted

X-Ray Room

No Violations Noted

Medical Waste/Biohazard Storage Room # 5507

No Violations Noted

Medical Housing Unit***Common Area***

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 5511

No Violations Noted

Shower # 5512

No Violations Noted

<i>Room # 5513</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 5515</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 5516</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 5518</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Isolation Cell # 5514</i> 105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink out-of-order
<i>Storage Room # 5522</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 55C</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage # 5523</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower/Storage # 5524</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 5554</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Psychiatric Housing Unit # 5552</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty near television
<i>Storage # 5553</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 5555</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 5558</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 5562</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 55A</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Strong unpleasant odor
<i>Slop Sink Room # 5572</i>	No Violations Noted

4th Floor

Control 4-1 & 4-2

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Staff Bathroom 4-1 & 4-2

No Violations Noted

Unit 4-1

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 41N

No Violations Noted

Room # 41M

No Violations Noted

Shower # 41G (near cell # 10)

No Violations Noted

Shower # 41H (near cell # 27)

No Violations Noted

Shower # 41I

No Violations Noted

Shower # 41J

No Violations Noted

Shower # 41K

No Violations Noted

Showers (near room # 41L)

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Recreational Deck 4-1 & 4-2

No Violations Noted

Unit 4-2

Common Area

No Violations Noted

Visiting Rooms

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Meeting Room # 42B

No Violations Noted

<i>Slop Sink Room # 42C</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 42D</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 42E (near cell # 15)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # 42F</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 42G</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 42H</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 42I (near cell # 32)</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
Control 4-3 & 4-4	
<i>Staff Bathroom 4-3 & 4-4</i>	No Violations Noted
Unit 4-3	
<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Visiting Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Meeting Room # 43B</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 43C</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink Room # 43D</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
<i>Shower # 43E (near cell # 3)</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
<i>Storage Room # 43F</i>	No Violations Noted

Shower # 43G

No Violations Noted

Shower # 43H

No Violations Noted

Shower # 43I (near cell # 20)

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Unit 4-4

Common Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged near microwave and phones

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Return vent covered with clothing

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Shower # 44B

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 44C

No Violations Noted

Shower # 44D (near meeting room # 44E)

No Violations Noted

Meeting Room # 44E

No Violations Noted

Closet # 44G

No Violations Noted

Shower # 44H (near cell # 9)

No Violations Noted

Shower # 44I (near cell # 28)

No Violations Noted

Shower # 44J (near visiting rooms)

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

3rd Floor

Hallway

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dusty near elevator

Visiting Rooms

No Violations Noted

Floor 3.5

Office Area

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 3503

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

File Room Kitchen # 3516

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # 3521

No Violations Noted

2nd Floor

Chapel

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom # 2034

Unable to Inspect – Occupied

Female Staff Bathroom # 2035

No Violations Noted

Offices

No Violations Noted

Control 2-1 & 2-2

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Staff Bathroom 2-1 & 2-2

No Violations Noted

Unit 2-1

Common Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged near phones

Visiting Rooms

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

Shower # 21B

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 21C

No Violations Noted

Shower # 21D

No Violations Noted

Meeting Room # 21E

No Violations Noted

Shower # 21F (near cell # 11)

No Violations Noted

Shower # 21G (near cell # 30)

No Violations Noted

Closet # 21H

No Violations Noted

Shower (near room # 21H)

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

Shower # 21J

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Recreational Deck 2-1 & 2-2

No Violations Noted

Unit 2-2

Common Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged near phones

Visiting Rooms

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

Meeting Room # 22B

No Violations Noted

Shower # 22C (near slop sink room # 22D)

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Walls dirty

Slop Sink Room # 22D

No Violations Noted

Shower # 22E (near cell # 15)

No Violations Noted

Closet # 22F

No Violations Noted

<i>Shower # 22H (near closet # 22F)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 22I (near cell # 34)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 22J (near cell # 32)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
Control 2-3 & 2-4 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
<i>Staff Bathroom 2-3 & 2-4</i>	No Violations Noted
Unit 2-3	
<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Visiting Rooms</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Meeting Room # 23B</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 23C</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink Room # 23D</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 23E (near cell # 3)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Closet # 23F</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 23G (near cell # 20)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 23H (near cell # 18)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower # 23J (near closet # 23F)</i> 105 CMR 451.123 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower curtain damaged Maintenance: Soap scum observed
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted

Unit 2-4

Common Area

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Shower # 24B

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 24C

No Violations Noted

Shower (near room # 28)

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Drain flies observed

Shower # 24D

No Violations Noted

Meeting Room # 24E

No Violations Noted

Shower # 24F (near cell # 9)

Unable to Inspect – Occupied

Shower (near room # 312)

No Violations Noted

Closet # 24G

No Violations Noted

Shower # 24H (near cell # 28)

Unable to Inspect – Occupied

Shower # 24J (near visiting rooms)

Unable to Inspect – Occupied

Cells

No Violations Noted

Contact Visits

Female Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Entry Level (Inside)

Staff Cafeteria # 1066

No Violations Noted

Inside Administration

No Violations Noted

Weight Room # 1070

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles dirty around ceiling vents

Cardio Room

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 1072

No Violations Noted

Water Fountain

No Violations Noted

Blue Shirt's Locker Room # 1075

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Locker Room # 1076

No Violations Noted

Captain and Lieutenant's Locker Room # 1077

Unable to Inspect – Occupied

Outside Administration Bathrooms

Female Bathroom # 1013

No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom # 1015

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 1004

No Violations Noted

Ground Level

Canteen # G10

No Violations Noted

Hallway Bathrooms

Staff Bathroom # G5

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom # G6

No Violations Noted

Store Room # G11

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Department # G12

No Violations Noted

Locker Room # G13

No Violations Noted

Kitchen Maintenance # G15

No Violations Noted

<i>Laundry Room # G23/G29</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Office # G25</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Loading Dock # G26</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Garbage Room # G37</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Computer Room # G39</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage # G43</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # G44</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # G46</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Female Booking Area</i>	
<i>Holding Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Male Booking Area</i>	
<i>Control</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Property Room # G62</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # G64</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Intake Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Male Intake Cells # G74</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Holding Cage</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Holding Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Back Gate Control # G80</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # G81</i>	No Violations Noted

Food Service Area

FC 6-501.12(A)

Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, mobile fan dusty

Trash Room # G37

No Violations Noted

Office # G38

No Violations Noted

Trash Area

No Violations Noted

Oven and Steamer Hood Area

No Violations Noted

Handwash Sink

No Violations Noted

Grease Hood

No Violations Noted

Dry Storage # G23

No Violations Noted

Storage Cage

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

FC 6-501.111(B)

Maintenance and Operations; Pest Control: Flying insects observed

Inmate Dining Area

No Violations Noted

Chemical Storage Cage

No Violations Noted

Can Opener Table

No Violations Noted

Refrigerator # 1

No Violations Noted

Refrigerator # 2

No Violations Noted

Ice Machines

No Violations Noted

Vegetable Chest # 3

No Violations Noted

Milk Chest # 4

FC 4-501.11(A)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, metal floor plate damaged at entrance

Freezer # 5

FC 6-501.12(A)

Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, ice build-up observed on ceiling

Bread Refrigerator # 6

FC 6-501.12(A)

Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, standing water on floor

Prep Table with 2-Bay Sink

No Violations Noted

Tray Prep Area

No Violations Noted

Kettle Area

No Violations Noted

Food Prep Table (in front of milk chest # 4)

FC 5-205.15(B)

Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, faucet leaking

FC 6-501.111(B)

Maintenance and Operations; Pest Control: Flying insects observed

Handwash Sink (near food prep table)

No Violations Noted

3-Bay Sink

FC 5-205.15(B)

Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, faucet leaking

Mechanical Warewashing Area

No Violations Noted

Tray Racks

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 677 at the time of inspection.
2. The Department recommends numbering all showers throughout the institution. This will assist the Department and Department of Correction employees to better recognize where issues exist.
3. The Department recommended there be a testing method developed for testing the warewash machine to ensure that it is sanitizing adequately.

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 please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Food Protection Regulations". Then under "Retail" click "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X - Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments" and "[1999 Food Code](#)".

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Food Protection Regulations". Then under "General Food Regulations" click "105 CMR 520.000: Labeling."

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

Sincerely,



Marian Robertson
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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