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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

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Recreational Deck*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 6-4***

*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

*Shower # 64B*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Walls dirty

*Shower # 64C*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Walls dirty

*Slop Sink Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 64D*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 64E*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # 64F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 64G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 64H*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 64I*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Walls dirty

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Potentially hazardous food not held at the proper cold holding temperature, unrefrigerated milk stored above cell # 26

**5th Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

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

*Room # 5513*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5515*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5516*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5518*

No Violations Noted

*Isolation Cell # 5514*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink out-of-order

*Storage Room # 5522*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 55C*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # 5523*

No Violations Noted

*Shower/Storage # 5524*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 5554*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Psychiatric Housing Unit # 5552***

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty near television

*Storage # 5553*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5555*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5558*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 5562*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 55A*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Strong unpleasant odor

*Slop Sink Room # 5572*

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

*Slop Sink Room # 42C*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42D*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42E (near cell # 15)*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 42F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42G*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42H*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 42I (near cell # 32)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Walls dirty

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**Control 4-3 & 4-4**

*Staff Bathroom 4-3 & 4-4*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 4-3***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 43B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 43C*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 43D*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

*Shower # 43E (near cell # 3)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

*Storage Room # 43F*

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

*Shower # 22H (near closet # 22F)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 22I (near cell # 34)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 22J (near cell # 32)*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**Control 2-3 & 2-4**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Staff Bathroom 2-3 & 2-4*

No Violations Noted

***Unit 2-3***

*Common Area*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Meeting Room # 23B*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 23C*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 23D*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 23E (near cell # 3)*

No Violations Noted

*Closet # 23F*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 23G (near cell # 20)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 23H (near cell # 18)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower # 23J (near closet # 23F)*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain damaged

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum observed

*Cells*

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

*Laundry Room # G23/G29*

No Violations Noted

*Office # G25*

No Violations Noted

*Loading Dock # G26*

No Violations Noted

*Garbage Room # G37*

No Violations Noted

*Computer Room # G39*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # G43*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G44*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G46*

No Violations Noted

***Female Booking Area***

*Holding Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Male Booking Area***

*Control*

No Violations Noted

*Property Room # G62*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G64*

No Violations Noted

*Intake Area*

No Violations Noted

*Male Intake Cells # G74*

No Violations Noted

*Holding Cage*

No Violations Noted

*Holding Cells*

No Violations Noted

***Back Gate Control # G80***

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # G81*

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fc99-toc.html)”.

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 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

cc: Jan Sullivan, Acting Director, BEH

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