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Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
 Essex County Sheriff's Department Headquarters
 20 Manning Avenue
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Re: Facility Inspection – Essex County Correctional Alternative Center, Lawrence

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

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 Essex County Correctional Alternative Center on November 10, 2021 accompanied by Lieutenant Joe Dipietro and Sean Gallagher, Environmental Health and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 19 repeat violations:

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

Sincerely,

Shanene Pierce
 Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

Main Building

Nurse's Office

- 105 CMR 480.500(A)(3) Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator had no written documentation for blood borne pathogen training, documentation provided did not demonstrate annual training
- 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 waste pickup
- 105 CMR 480.500(B)(2)(D) Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator did not specify off-site treatment parameters, total combined weight of medical or biological waste shipped off-site did not match shipping and tracking papers
- 105 CMR 480.100(C)(2) Storage Area: Storage Area not designed or equipped to prevent unauthorized access, secondary container not being stored in manner to prevent unauthorized access in Nurse's Office

Storage Closet

- 105 CMR 451.383(B) Fire Safety System: Facility not in compliance with 780 CMR Massachusetts Building Code provisions for fire safety, items stored within 18 inches of the ceiling

Nurse's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Lobby

No Violations Noted

Control Room

No Violations Noted

Shift Commander's Office

No Violations Noted

Bathroom (in Shift Commander Office)

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Staff Break Room

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

Second Floor Lobby

Deputy of Maintenance Office

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Assistant Superintendents Office

No Violations Noted

Superintendent's Office No Violations Noted

Conference Room No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom No Violations Noted

Director of Programming Office Unable to Inspect – In Use

South Side 1st Floor

Attorney Rooms Unable to Inspect – In Use

Work Release Waiting Area No Violations Noted

Work Release Office Unable to Inspect – Locked

Bracelet Office Unable to Inspect – Locked

Records Office No Violations Noted

Reintegration Office Unable to Inspect – Locked

Temporary Property Storage No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom
105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Light out above sink

Male Staff Bathroom
105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Ceiling water damaged

Offices No Violations Noted

Intake Area

Urine Lab
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty under soap dispenser
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Paper towel dispenser broken

Shake Down Rooms No Violations Noted

South Side 2nd Floor

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Room # S201

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Electrical outlet cover damaged

Room # S202

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

Room # S203

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

Room # S204

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen damaged

Room # S205

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged outside Room # S205

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen not tight-fitting

Room # S206

No Violations Noted

Room # S207

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen not tight-fitting

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

Room # S208

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen damaged

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Strong urine smell

Room # S209

No Violations Noted

Room # S210

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

Room # S211

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracked

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

Storage Room

No Violations Noted

South Side 3rd Floor

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.117

Maintenance: Toilet seat damaged
Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lieutenant's Office

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Investigator's Office

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Room # S301

No Violations Noted

Room # S302

105 CMR 451.353
105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Outlet faceplate missing
Interior Maintenance: Outlet not secured to the wall

Property Room

No Violations Noted

Room # S303

No Violations Noted

Room # S304

No Violations Noted

Room # S305

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

Inmate Bathroom

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

Maintenance: One light out
Maintenance: Sink dirty
Maintenance: Caulking around sink was dirty
Maintenance: Wall tiles missing near toilet

North Side 1st Floor

Dining Room

105 CMR 451.353
105 CMR 451.350
105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Counter dirty around hot water dispenser
Structural Maintenance: Window broken
Interior Maintenance: Spilled juice on floor under dispensers

Ice Machine

No Violations Noted

Tray Room

FC 4-204.113

Design and Construction, Functionality: Warewashing machine missing an easily accessible and readable data plate affixed to the machine for chemical sanitization

Male Visitor's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Female Visitor's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Kitchen

Back Serving Area

FC 6-501.12(A)

Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, rodent droppings observed under dry storage racks

Refrigerators

No Violations Noted

Serving/Prep Tables

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Dry Storage Closet

FC 6-501.12(A)

Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, buildup of dust and mold observed on structure enclosing the ventilation pipe

FC 4-501.11(A)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, water pooling on floor next to wall adjacent to walk-in freezer (F2)

Chemical Closet

No Violations Noted

Freezer (F2)

FC 3-305.11(A)(2)*

Preventing Contamination from Premises: Food exposed to ice, build-up on boxes of food

FC 4-501.11(B)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, ceiling ventilation grill/cover missing

Walk-in Refrigerator and Freezer (same unit)

FC 4-501.11(A)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, floor plate lifting from floor and not secured in freezer

Main Kitchen Area

Office

No Violations Noted

Prep Tables

No Violations Noted

Loading Dock

No Violations Noted

<i>2-Compartment Sink (Left)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>2-Compartment Sink (Center)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>2-Compartment Sink (Right)</i> FC 4-501.14(B)	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Warewashing Equipment not cleaned at a frequency to prevent the accumulation of debris, mold observed on interior seams of 2-compartment sink
<i>Handwash Sink</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Steamer</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Ovens and Hoods</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kettles</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink</i> FC 6-501.16*	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Wet mop stored upside down
<i>Ice Machine</i>	No Violations Noted
North Side 2nd Floor	
<i>Counselor's Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Inmate Bathroom</i> 105 CMR 451.123* 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Faucet leaking at handwash sink # 4 Maintenance: Faucet leaking at handwash sink # 1 and 3
<i>Hallway (Next to Barber Shop)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Room (Next to Barber Shop)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Barber Shop</i> 105 CMR 451.110(A)*	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink
<i>Room # N201</i> 105 CMR 451.141	Screens: Screen not tight-fitting
<i>Room # N202</i>	No Violations Noted

Room # N203

No Violations Noted

Room # N204

No Violations Noted

Room # N205

No Violations Noted

Room # N206

105 CMR 451.101

105 CMR 451.353

105 CMR 451.353

Blankets: Blanket damaged

Interior Maintenance: GFCI outlet cover damaged

Interior Maintenance: Light switch cover broken

Room # N207

105 CMR 451.141

105 CMR 451.353*

Screens: Screen damaged

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged by outlet

Room # N209

No Violations Noted

Room # N210

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

North Side 3rd Floor

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Room # N301

No Violations Noted

Room # N302

No Violations Noted

Room # N303

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Floorboard missing near window

Room # N304

No Violations Noted

Room # N305

105 CMR 451.101

105 CMR 451.141

Blankets: Blanket damaged

Screens: Screen not tight-fitting

Room # N306

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen damaged

Closet

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

105 CMR 451.353

Maintenance: Gap between the counter and handwash sink # 1 and 2 was dirty

Interior Maintenance: Mop stored on floor

Room # N307
105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Window does not open and close properly

Room # N308
Unable to Inspect – Not Used

Basement

Laundry
No Violations Noted

Tunnel near Laundry
No Violations Noted

Maintenance Cage

Sewing Room
No Violations Noted

Maintenance Area
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

Maintenance Office
105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty
105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of toaster oven dirty

Maintenance Bathroom
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Handwash sink dirty

Chemical Room
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical plastic pump sprayer

Main Bathroom

Toilets and Handwash Sinks
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Area around toilet dirty in stall # 6, 8, and 9
105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Burn marks on toilet seats in stall # 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8

Main Shower
105 CMR 451.121(A)* Privacy: No privacy partition between showers
105 CMR 451.130* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 15 leaking

Slop Sink
No Violations Noted

Print Shop (off of Gym)
105 CMR 451.350* Structural Maintenance: Ceiling access panel not secured in storage area

Toilets and Handwash Sinks
105 CMR 451.123* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tile missing

Officer's Weight Room

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

Interior Maintenance: Top of shower curtain damaged

Male Staff Bathroom

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Gym

No Violations Noted

Hallway

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged near light fixture outside male bathroom

Male Bathroom # 105

No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom # 106

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Offices

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Garage

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Roll down door not rodent and weathertight

Anti-Graffiti Garage

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Exterior doors not rodent and weathertight

Back Building

Classroom

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screens missing

Office Area

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Window sill water damaged where AC unit is installed

Living Area (Unoccupied)

Toilets and Handwash Sinks

No Violations Noted

Shower Room

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

105 CMR 451.130

Privacy: No privacy partition between showers

Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 85°F

Room # 1

No Violations Noted

Room # 2

No Violations Noted

Room # 3

No Violations Noted

Room # 4

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged

Room # 5

105 CMR 451.340

Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

Room # 6

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Window broken

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tile damaged

Annex Building (Unoccupied)

First Floor

Dorm # 1

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged

Dorm # 2

105 CMR 451.340*

Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

Visiting Room

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Handicapped Bathroom w/Shower

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 100⁰F

Second Floor

Resource Room

No Violations Noted

Dorm # 4

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

Office

No Violations Noted

Basement

C-Tech Classroom

No Violations Noted

Library/GED Room

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Staff Bathroom

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.130*

Maintenance: Handwash sink #3 leaking at faucet

Slop Sink

No Violations Noted

Inmate Shower Room

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

Privacy: No privacy partition between showers

105 CMR 451.130*

Maintenance: Shower # 2 leaking

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 70 at the time of inspection.
2. The CSP observed a combination smoke/carbon monoxide detector beeping, indicating low battery. The CSP recommends inspecting and replacing batteries as needed prior to re-occupancy.
3. The CSP did not observe an affixed data plate on the warewashing machine that accurately described the facility's use of low temperature, chemical sanitization. The CSP recommends permanently affixing an easily accessible and readable data plate that describes machine's design and operation specifications for chemical sanitization.
4. The CSP observed secondary containment of medical and biological waste inappropriately stored in the Nurse's Office. In discussions with staff, it was determined that this container was being stored in a manner that allowed for unauthorized access for an extended period of time. The CSP recommends training additional staff in proper storage and waste removal procedures.

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,



Shanene Pierce
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH