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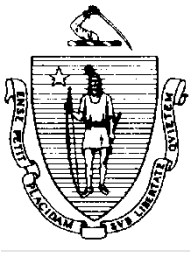
Greetings,

Pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403, please find the inspection report for Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS).

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace
 Environmental Health Inspector, EHRS, BCEH

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Paul Heroux, Sheriff
 Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility
 400 Faunce Corner Road
 Dartmouth, MA 02747 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility, New Bedford

Dear Sheriff Heroux,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility on March 31, 2025, accompanied Officer Justin Monteiro, Environmental Health and Safety Officer, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 143 total deficiencies: 37 deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 37 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 23 deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 46 repeat deficiencies under the Recommended Standards.

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Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)

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1.	1st Floor	1 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 5
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3.	1st Floor	13 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on curtain in shower # 2
4.	1st Floor	13 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged outside showers
5.	1st Floor	5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 69
6.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling dirty outside showers
7.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged outside showers
8.	1st Floor	Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor damaged in shower # 4 and 5
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20.	1st Floor	Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
21.	1st Floor	Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, floor drain clogged
22.	1st Floor	Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower fixture rusted in shower # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
23.	1st Floor	Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower partitions paint damaged
24.	1st Floor	Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower partitions dirty

25.	1st Floor	Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.126*	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: No hot water supplied to handwash sink outside shower area
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28.	1st Floor	Intake	Inmate Bathroom B-1	105 CMR 451.126*	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 82°F at handwash sink
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30.	1st Floor	Intake	Staff Break Room	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty
31.	1st Floor	Intake	Staff Break Room	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no thermometer in refrigerator
32.	1st Floor	Staff Bathroom		105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet # 3 out-of-order
33.	2nd Floor	14 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 198
34.	2nd Floor	2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 23
35.	2nd Floor	2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 22, 29, and 31
36.	2nd Floor	6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 87
37.	3rd Floor	15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 203
38.	3rd Floor	3 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 38
39.	3rd Floor	7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 111
40.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on walls outside showers
41.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling outside showers
42.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside showers
43.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on curtain in shower # 2
44.	4th Floor	16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 224

45.	4th Floor	8 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 126 and 127
46.	4th Floor	8 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet fixture not secured to wall in cell # 125
47.	4th Floor	8 Alley	Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Curtain missing
48.	4th Floor	Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside showers
49.	4th Floor	Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1
50.	4th Floor	Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2
51.	4th Floor	Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged outside showers
52.	Food Service		3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, Ecolab chemical dispenser not working appropriately. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(B).
53.	Food Service		Cooler # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Design and Construction, Functionality: Cold holding equipment not equipped with a permanently affixed temperature measuring device, no thermometer. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-204.112(B).
54.	Food Service		Freezer	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, light not functioning appropriately. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.11.
55.	Food Service		Ice Machine	105 CMR 451.200*	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Accumulation of soil/mold observed on interior surfaces of ice machine. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.11(E)(4)(b).
56.	Food Service		Ice Machine	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, exterior lid of ice machine dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).
57.	Food Service		Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty
58.	Food Service		Main Area	105 CMR 451.200*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Outer openings not protected against the entry of insects and rodents, door not tight-fitting. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-202.15(A)(3).

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

23 new deficiencies and 46 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	1st Floor	1 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in hallway
2.	1st Floor	13 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 181
3.	1st Floor	13 Alley	Slop Sink – Maintenance Closet	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle
4.	1st Floor	5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged in cell # 73 and 74
5.	1st Floor	5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 70
6.	1st Floor	5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 73
7.	1st Floor	5 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in hallway
8.	1st Floor	5 Alley		105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Area not rodent and weathertight, gap at bottom of fire exit door
9.	1st Floor	5 Alley		105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Building not protected against infestation, rodent droppings observed around fire exit door
10.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Barbershop	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Upholstery damaged on chair
11.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Barbershop	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged
12.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Barbershop	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Side of countertop damaged
13.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 133
14.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 138
15.	1st Floor	9 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in hallway
16.	1st Floor	Day Room	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged
17.	1st Floor	Day Room	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
18.	1st Floor	Day Room		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Threshold damaged at entrance
19.	2nd Floor	10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 148
20.	2nd Floor	10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling surface damaged in cell # 152
21.	2nd Floor	10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged under handwash sink in cell # 142
22.	2nd Floor	10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 148 and 150
23.	2nd Floor	14 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 192

24. 2nd Floor	2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 26 and 27
25. 2nd Floor	2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Strong odor in cell # 23
26. 2nd Floor	2 Alley		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in hallway
27. 2nd Floor	6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wooden threshold damaged outside cell # 89
28. 2nd Floor	6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged in cell # 84
29. 2nd Floor	6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on wall in cell # 94
30. 2nd Floor	Health Services	Exam Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on refrigerator gaskets
31. 2nd Floor	Health Services	Exam Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
32. 2nd Floor	Health Services	Offices	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Upholstery damaged on blue office chair
33. 3rd Floor	11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 162 and 164
34. 3rd Floor	11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 155
35. 3rd Floor	15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 202, 203, and 210
36. 3rd Floor	3 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 35
37. 3rd Floor	7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 97
38. 3rd Floor	7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 99
39. 3rd Floor	7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 97
40. 3rd Floor	Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 3, 5, and 10
41. 3rd Floor	Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 1
42. 3rd Floor	Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on walls in cell # 4, 5, and 10
43. 3rd Floor	Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 1
44. 3rd Floor	Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 1
45. 4th Floor	12 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged in cell # 171 and 176
46. 4th Floor	12 Alley	Slop Sink	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle
47. 4th Floor	16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 221
48. 4th Floor	16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 217
49. 4th Floor	4 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 55

50. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 2 and 10
51. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 4
52. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on walls in cell # 8
53. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 2, 6, and 10
54. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 4
55. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty in cell # 2

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRIS inspected 51 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRIS did not inspect

EHRIS did not inspect 8 areas of the facility because they were either in use, locked, or under construction.

1. 3rd Floor	7 Alley	Showers	Unable to Inspect – Both Showers Off-line
2. 3rd Floor	11 Alley	Showers	Unable to Inspect – Both Showers Off-line
3. 2nd Floor	14 Alley	Showers	Unable to Inspect – Both Showers Off-line
4. 2nd Floor	10 Alley	Showers	Unable to Inspect – Both Showers Off-line
5. Food Service	Warewash Machine Area		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

SECTION 4: Plan of Correction

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 which includes:

1. Specific corrective steps to be taken
2. A timetable for the corrective actions for larger projects
3. The date by which correction will be achieved
4. Any interim measures being implemented to ensure the health and safety of incarcerated individuals and facility staff
5. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

SECTION 5: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 108 at the time of inspection.
2. The Day Room bathroom and shower area was observed to be poorly maintained resulting in unsanitary conditions. The EHRIS is concerned with the increased risk of disease transmission with the high number of inmates being exposed to such unsanitary conditions. The EHRIS recommends ensuring all bathroom and shower areas are finished with smooth and easily cleanable surfaces as well as developing a higher frequency shower cleaning policy.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcs and click on "Correctional Facilities" [105 CMR 451.000](#) available in both PDF and RTF formats. For more specific information about the food standards, you can download the merged food code, which can be found [here](#).

An inspection may also include observations of other conditions which could constitute a threat to the health or safety of inmates or employees, including but not limited to the standards set forth by the Department as follows, and report on such pursuant to 451.402(B). You can use these links below to review these standards:

- [105 CMR 205.000](#): Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities
- [105 CMR 480.000](#): Minimum requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste
- [105 CMR 500.000](#): Good Manufacturing Practices for Food

This inspection report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,



Patrick Wallace
Environmental Health Inspector, EHRS, BCEH



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**Department of Public Safety
Division of Community Sanitation, c/o Mr. Patrick Wallace, EHRs, BCEH
5 Randolph St
Canton MA 02021**

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Attached, please find the response from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office for the March 31st, 2025 DPH inspection of the Ash Street Facility located at 226 Ash Street in New Bedford.

Please be aware that the Bristol County Sheriff's Office is committed to ongoing improvements within this facility and is attempting to correct or has already corrected all areas of non-compliance.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 508-995-6400 ext. 2831.

Respectfully,

**Michael E. Moreira
Environmental Health and Safety**

**Joseph Oliver III
Superintendent**



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5.	1st Floor	5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 69 Mattress has been replaced in cell 69.
6.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling dirty outside showers Ceiling has been cleaned.
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8.	1st Floor	Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor damaged in shower # 4 and 5 Flooring to be repaired by 8/31/25.
9.	1st Floor	Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor damaged in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 6 Shower floors to be repaired by 8/31/25.
10.	1st Floor	Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Gap between floor and wall in shower # 4 and 6 Gaps will be filled by 5/31/25.
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Microwave interior has been cleaned and sanitized.					
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32.	1st Floor	Staff Bathroom		105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet # 3 out-of-order
Toilet has been repaired.					
33.	2nd Floor	14 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 198
Plumbing to be repaired by 5/31/25.					
34.	2nd Floor	2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 23
Toilet has been repaired.					
35.	2nd Floor	2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 22, 29, and 31
Mattresses have been replaced with new items.					
36.	2nd Floor	6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 87
Mattress has been replaced with a new one.					
37.	3rd Floor	15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 203
Toilet to be repaired by 5/31/25.					
38.	3rd Floor	3 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 38
Plumbing to be repaired by 5/31/25.					
39.	3rd Floor	7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 111
Toilet to be repaired by 5/31/25.					
40.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on walls outside showers
Walls have been scrubbed and cleaned.					
41.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling outside showers
Ceiling area has been cleaned.					
42.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside showers
Ceiling to be repainted by 6/30/25.					
43.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on curtain in shower # 2
Curtain has been cleaned.					
44.	4th Floor	16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 224
Toilet to be repaired by 7/31/25.					

45.	4th Floor	8 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 126 and 127
<u>Both toilets to be repaired and functional by 8/31/25</u>					
46.	4th Floor	8 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet fixture not secured to wall in cell # 125
<u>Toilet to be repaired by 5/31/25.</u>					
47.	4th Floor	8 Alley	Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Curtain missing <small>Curtain has been replaced.</small>
48.	4th Floor	Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside showers
<u>Ceiling to be repainted by 7/31/25.</u>					
49.	4th Floor	Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1
<u>Floor has been cleaned.</u>					
50.	4th Floor	Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2
<u>Walls have been scrubbed and cleaned.</u>					
51.	4th Floor	Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged outside showers
<u>Floor to be repaired by 8/31/25.</u>					
52.	Food Service		3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, Ecolab chemical dispenser not working appropriately. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(B).
<u>Vendor has been notified; to be repaired by 5/31/25.</u>					
53.	Food Service		Cooler # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Design and Construction, Functionality: Cold holding equipment not equipped with a permanently affixed temperature measuring device, no thermometer. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-204.112(B).
<u>Thermometer to be installed by 5/31/25.</u>					
54.	Food Service		Freezer	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, light not functioning appropriately. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.11.
<u>Light to be repaired and functional by 4/30/25.</u>					
55.	Food Service		Ice Machine	105 CMR 451.200*	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Accumulation of soil/mold observed on interior surfaces of ice machine. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.11(E)(4)(b).
<u>Interior of ice machine has been cleaned and sanitized.</u>					
56.	Food Service		Ice Machine	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, exterior lid of ice machine dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).
<u>Exterior of ice machine has been cleaned and sanitized.</u>					
57.	Food Service		Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty <small>Toilets have been cleaned</small>
58.	Food Service		Main Area	105 CMR 451.200*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Outer openings not protected against the entry of insects and rodents, door not tight-fitting. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-202.15(A)(3).
<u>Doors weatherstripping to be replaced by 5/31/25.</u>					

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

23 new deficiencies and 46 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	1st Floor	1 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in hallway
	Floor to be repaired by 8/31/25.				
2.	1st Floor	13 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 181
	Ceiling to be repainted by 6/30/25.				
3.	1st Floor	13 Alley	Slop Sink – Maintenance Closet	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle
	Bottle now has a label.				
4.	1st Floor	5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged in cell # 73 and 74
	Ceilings to be repaired by 7/31/25.				
5.	1st Floor	5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 70
	Wall to be repainted by 7/31/25.				
6.	1st Floor	5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 73
	Wall to be repainted by 7/31/25.				
7.	1st Floor	5 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in hallway
	Floor to be repaired by 8/31/25.				
8.	1st Floor	5 Alley		105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Area not rodent and weathertight, gap at bottom of fire exit door
	Exit door weatherstripping to be replaced by 5/31/25.				
9.	1st Floor	5 Alley		105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Building not protected against infestation, rodent droppings observed around fire exit door
	Pest control vendor has been notified, will visit by 4/30/25				
10.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Barbershop	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Upholstery damaged on chair
	Chair upholstery to be repaired by 6/30/25.				
11.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Barbershop	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged
	Wall to be repaired by 8/31/25				
12.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Barbershop	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Side of countertop damaged
	Countertop to be repaired by 7/31/25				
13.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 133
	Wall to be repainted by 7/31/25.				
14.	1st Floor	9 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 138
	Ceiling to be repainted by 7/31/25.				
15.	1st Floor	9 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in hallway
	Floor to be repaired by 8/31/25.				
16.	1st Floor	Day Room	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged
	Floor to be repaired by 8/31/25.				
17.	1st Floor	Day Room	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
18.	1st Floor	Day Room		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Threshold damaged at entrance
	Threshold to be repaired or replaced by 7/31/25.				
19.	2nd Floor	10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 148
	Ceiling to be repainted by 7/31/25.				
20.	2nd Floor	10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling surface damaged in cell # 152
	Ceiling to be repaired by 8/31/25.				
21.	2nd Floor	10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged under handwash sink in cell # 142
	Wall to be repaired by 8/31/25				
22.	2nd Floor	10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 148 and 150
	Walls to be repainted by 7/31/25.				
23.	2nd Floor	14 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 192
	Ceiling to be repainted by 7/31/25.				

* #17: Wall to be repainted by 6/30/25.

24.	2nd Floor	2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 26 and 27 Walls to be repainted by 7/31/25.
25.	2nd Floor	2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Strong odor in cell # 23 Cell has been cleaned and sanitized.
26.	2nd Floor	2 Alley		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in hallway Wall to be repainted by 7/31/25.
27.	2nd Floor	6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wooden threshold damaged outside cell # 89 Threshold to be repaired or replaced by 8/31/25.
28.	2nd Floor	6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged in cell # 84 Ceiling to be repaired by 8/31/25.
29.	2nd Floor	6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on wall in cell # 94 Cell has been scrubbed and cleaned.
30.	2nd Floor	Health Services	Exam Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on refrigerator gaskets Gaskets have been cleaned.
31.	2nd Floor	Health Services	Exam Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged Wall to be repainted by 7/31/25.
32.	2nd Floor	Health Services	Offices	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Upholstery damaged on blue office chair Chair to be replaced by 6/30/25.
33.	3rd Floor	11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 162 and 164 Ceilings to be repainted by 7/31/25.
34.	3rd Floor	11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 155 Ceiling to be repainted by 7/31/25.
35.	3rd Floor	15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 202, 203, and 210 Ceilings to be repainted by 7/31/25.
36.	3rd Floor	3 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 35 Wall to be repainted by 7/31/25.
37.	3rd Floor	7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 97 Ceiling to be repainted by 7/31/25.
38.	3rd Floor	7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 99 Ceiling to be repainted by 7/31/25.
39.	3rd Floor	7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 97 Wall to be repainted by 7/31/25.
40.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 3, 5, and 10 Ceilings have been scrubbed and cleaned in these cells.
41.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 1 Ceiling has been cleaned.
42.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on walls in cell # 4, 5, and 10 Walls have been cleaned.
43.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 1 Wall to be repainted by 7/31/25.
44.	3rd Floor	Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 1 Ceiling to be repainted by 7/31/25.
45.	4th Floor	12 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged in cell # 171 and 176 Walls to be repainted by 7/31/25.
46.	4th Floor	12 Alley	Slop Sink	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle Bottle now has a label.
47.	4th Floor	16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 221 Wall to be repainted by 7/31/25.
48.	4th Floor	16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 217 Ceiling to be repainted by 7/31/25.
49.	4th Floor	4 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 55 Wall to be repaired by 8/31/25

50. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 2 and 10 Ceilings have been cleaned in these cells.
51. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 4 Ceiling has been cleaned.
52. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on walls in cell # 8 Walls have been cleaned.
53. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 2, 6, and 10 Ceilings to be repainted by 7/31/25.
54. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 4 Floor to be painted by 7/31/25
55. 4th Floor	Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty in cell # 2 Walls have been cleaned.

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRIS inspected 51 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRIS did not inspect

EHRIS did not inspect 8 areas of the facility because they were either in use, locked, or under construction.

1. 3rd Floor	7 Alley	Showers	Unable to Inspect – Both Showers Off-line
2. 3rd Floor	11 Alley	Showers	Unable to Inspect – Both Showers Off-line
3. 2nd Floor	14 Alley	Showers	Unable to Inspect – Both Showers Off-line
4. 2nd Floor	10 Alley	Showers	Unable to Inspect – Both Showers Off-line
5. Food Service	Warewash Machine Area		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

SECTION 4: Plan of Correction

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 which includes:

1. Specific corrective steps to be taken
2. A timetable for the corrective actions for larger projects
3. The date by which correction will be achieved
4. Any interim measures being implemented to ensure the health and safety of incarcerated individuals and facility staff
5. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

SECTION 5: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 108 at the time of inspection.
2. The Day Room bathroom and shower area was observed to be poorly maintained resulting in unsanitary conditions. The EHRIS is concerned with the increased risk of disease transmission with the high number of inmates being exposed to such unsanitary conditions. The EHRIS recommends ensuring all bathroom and shower areas are finished with smooth and easily cleanable surfaces as well as developing a higher frequency shower cleaning policy.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcs and click on "Correctional Facilities" [105 CMR 451.000](#) available in both PDF and RTF formats. For more specific information about the food standards, you can download the merged food code, which can be found [here](#).

An inspection may also include observations of other conditions which could constitute a threat to the health or safety of inmates or employees, including but not limited to the standards set forth by the Department as follows, and report on such pursuant to 451.402(B). You can use these links below to review these standards:

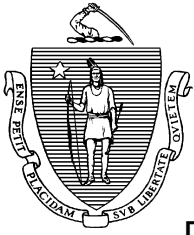
- [105 CMR 205.000](#): Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities
- [105 CMR 480.000](#): Minimum requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste
- [105 CMR 500.000](#): Good Manufacturing Practices for Food

This inspection report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,



Patrick Wallace
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April 24, 2025

Paul Heroux, Sheriff
 Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility
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 Dartmouth, MA 02747 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility, New Bedford

Dear Sheriff Heroux:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on March 31, 2025. After review, the EHRS finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the deficiencies noted in the report.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, should you have any questions please contact me at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace
 Environmental Health Inspector, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Joseph Oliver III, Superintendent
 Lieutenant Andrew Mitzan, EHSO

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