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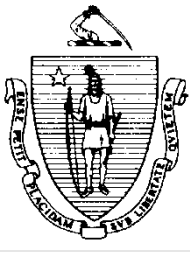
Greetings,

Pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403, please find the inspection report for Dukes County Correctional 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,

Nicholas Gale
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

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June 24, 2025

Robert Ogden, Sheriff
Dukes County Jail and House of Correction
P.O. Box 252
Edgartown, MA 02539 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection - Dukes County Jail and House of Correction, Edgartown

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Dukes County Jail and House of Correction on May 30, 2025, accompanied by Michael Trance, Captain of Standards and Compliance, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 27 total deficiencies: 6 deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 0 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 15 deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 6 repeat deficiencies under the Recommended Standards.

Overview

Section 1 provides details of all deficiencies, including repeat deficiencies, found during the inspection. These are categorized by Required Standards, Recommended Standards, or additional applicable regulatory standards.

Section 2 provides information on areas that EHRS found to be compliant.

Section 3 documents the areas that EHRS did not inspect.

Section 4 provides information on submitting a Plan of Correction for the identified deficiencies.

Section 5 outlines observations and recommendations related to the inspection.

SECTION 1: Health and Safety Deficiencies

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

6 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Food Service Area	Office	Door	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).
2.	Food Service Area	Kitchen	Mechanical Warewashing Machine	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Equipment: Warewashing machine not operating in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.15(A).
3.	Food Service Area	Kitchen	Prep Area	105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items; Storing: Equipment and Utensils not stored covered or inverted. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-903.11(B)(2).
4.	Food Service Area	Kitchen	Pantry	105 CMR 451.200	Protection from Contamination After Receiving, Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Food container not labeled with common name of food. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-302.12.
5.	Second Floor Units	Unit # 3	Hallway	105 CMR 451.141	Screens: Screen damaged in window # 2
6.	Second Floor Units	Unit # 3	Shower Stall	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower threshold surface damaged

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

15 new deficiencies and 6 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	Pre-Release Unit	Hallway		105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Floor damaged around floor vent
2.	Units 1 & 2	Unit # 1	Hallway	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged
3.	Units 1 & 2	Unit # 1	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in cell # 1
4.	Units 1 & 2	Unit # 1	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, double bunked in cell # 3
5.	Units 1 & 2	Unit # 1	Cells	105 CMR 451.320	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, double bunked in cell # 1 and 2
6.	Second Floor Units	Main Hallway		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
7.	Second Floor Units	Unit # 3	Hallway	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Window # 2 not functioning properly
8.	Second Floor Units	Unit # 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in cell # 1, 2, and 3
9.	Second Floor Units	Unit # 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, all cells double bunked
10.	Second Floor Units	Unit # 4	Hallway	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged

11. Second Floor Units	Unit # 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in cell # 2 and 3
12. Second Floor Units	Unit # 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged in cell # 2
13. Second Floor Units	Unit # 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, double bunked in cell # 3
14. House of Correction	Education Room		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing
15. Administrative Segregation Unit	Hallway		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged
16. Administrative Segregation Unit	Cells		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged in cell # 2 and 3

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 46 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

EHRS did not inspect 4 areas of the facility because they were either in use, locked, or under construction.

1. Pre-Release Unit	Cells	Unable to Inspect – Used for storage
2. Units 1 & 2	Unit # 2	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 9 at the time of inspection.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas Gale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N' and a stylized 'G'.

Nicholas Gale
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH



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July 15th, 2025

Nicholas Gale
Department of Public Health
Bureau of Environmental Health
5 Randolph Street
Canton, MA 02021

RE: Plan of Correction – Dukes County Jail and House of Correction (Lockup)

Dear Inspector Gale,

In response to your most recent letter dated June 24th, 2025 I am submitting a Plan of Correction in accordance with M.G.L. c.111B ss 3, 20, 21 & 22, 105 CMR 470.000 & 105 CMR 4800.000 to detail the corrective steps to be taken to address violations that were noted but unaddressed in the Plan of Correction we provided. Please see attached submissions addressing these violations noted in your letter.

Sincerely,

Major Greg Arpin
Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Operations
Dukes County Sheriff's Office
774-563-8566 (cell)
garpin@dcsoma.org

Dukes County Sheriff's Office – Lockup – Plan of Correction – 07/15/2025

Area of Deficiency:	Corrective Action:	Responsible Party:	Estimated Date:
Physical Facility			
105 CMR 470.308A No Floor Drain In Cell Block	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
105 CMR 470.405 Finish of Walls & Ceilings / Not Easily Cleanable (Wall / Female Holding Cell)	Patch Walls	DCSO	12/31/2025
105 CMR 470.405 Finish of Walls & Ceilings / Not Easily Cleanable (Ceiling / Male Holding Cell)	Patch Ceiling	DCSO	12/31/2025
105 CMR 470.406 Finish of Cell Floors / Not Easily Cleanable (Around Radiator Damaged)	Fix Floor Tiles	DCSO	12/31/2025
Location & Size of Cell			
105 CMR 470.401 Location of Juvenile Cell(s) Not Separate From Adult Cell(s)	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
105 CMR 470.402 Female Cell(s) Not Separate From Male Cell(s)	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
105 CMR 470.403A Size of Cells: Inadequate Cell Size (Male & Female Cells)	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
105 CMR 470.403A Size of Cells: Male Cell Serves More Than two occupants	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
Plumbing			
105 CMR 470.304A Facilities to be of a Sanitary & Safe Design: Toilet Rusted Interior of Toilet Bowl (Female Cell)	Rust Removal Cleaning Product / Work Detail	DCSO	09/01/2025
Louver & Grille Work			
105 CMR 470.353 Ceiling Ventilation Not Suicide Proof (Male Cell)	Cover Louver	DCSO	09/01/2025
105 CMR 470.353 Wall Ventilation Not Suicide Proof (Female Cell)	Cover Louver	DCSO	09/01/2025
Bedding / Cups / Disposable Towels			
105 CMR 470.102 (A)(3) Bedding Stored In Cell	Remove Blanket In Cell	DCSO	Completed 07/2025

Submitted by: Captain Michael Trance

Approved by: Major Greg Arpin

Signature: _____

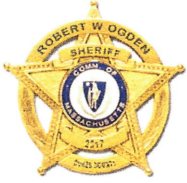
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Signature: _____

Date: _____

7/18/25



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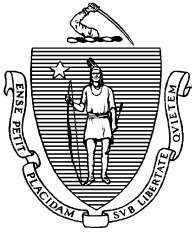
Dukes County Sheriff's Office – HOC – Plan of Correction – 07/15/2025

Area of Deficiency:	Corrective Action:	Responsible Party:	Estimated Date:
Health & Safety Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)			
<i>Food Service Areas:</i>			
105 CMR 451.200 Office (Door) Not Tight Fitting	Repair Weather Strip	Facility Maintenance	Completed 07/2025
105 CMR 451.200 Kitchen (Mechanical Ware-washing Machine) Not Operating Properly	GFI Fixed in wall for machine	Powers Electric / Contacted	Completed 07/2025
105 CMR 451.200 Kitchen (Prep Area) Utensils not stored covered or inverted	Silverware placed inverted in holders	DCSO	Completed 07/2025
105 CMR 451.200 Kitchen (Pantry) Food Containers Not Labeled	Label Food Containers	DCSO	08/01/2025
<i>Unit #3:</i>			
105 CMR 451.141 Unit-3 (Hallway) Screen Damaged Window #2	Secure Bug Screen	DCSO	09/01/2025
105 CMR 451.123 Unit-3 (Shower Stall) Threshold Surface Damaged	Patch Shower Threshold	DCSO	10/01/2025
Recommended Standards Deficiencies (.300 series)			
<i>Pre-Release Unit:</i>			
105 CMR 451.350* (Hallway) Floor Damage Around Vent	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
<i>Unit #1 & #2:</i>			
105 CMR 451.353* Unit-1 (Hallway) Wall Surface Damaged	Patch Wall Damage	DCSO	10/01/2025
105 CMR 451.353 Unit-1 (Cells) Floor Surface Damaged Cell-1	Patch Floor Damage	DCSO	10/01/2025
105 CMR 451.320* Unit-1 (Cells) Inadequate Floor Space. Double Bunked in Cell-3.	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
105 CMR 451.320 Unit-1 (Cells) Inadequate Floor Space. Double Bunked in Cell-1 & Cell-2	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
<i>Second Floor Units:</i>			
105 CMR 451.353* Main Hallway Floor Tiles Damaged	Replace Tiles	DCSO	10/01/2025
105 CMR 451.350 Unit-3 (Hallway) Window #2 Not Functioning Properly.	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
105 CMR 451.353 Unit-3 (Cells) Floor Surface Damaged in Cell-1, Cell-2 & Cell-3	Patch Floor Damage	DCSO	10/01/2025
105 CMR 451.320* Unit-3 (Cells) Inadequate Floor Space. Double Bunked in all Cells.	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
105 CMR 451.353 Unit-4 (Hallway) Floor Surface Damaged	Patch Floor Damage	DCSO	10/01/2025
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105 CMR 451.353 Education Room Light Shield Missing	Light Unit Replaced	Powers Electric / Contacted	Completed 07/2025
<i>Administrative Segregation Unit:</i>			
105 CMR 451.353 Hallway Wall Surface Damaged in Cell-1 & Cell-2.	Patch Wall Damage	DCSO	10/01/2025
105 CMR 451.353 Cells Wall Surface Damaged in Cell-2 & Cell-3	Patch Wall Damage	DCSO	10/01/2025

Submitted by: Captain Michael Trance

Approved by: Major Greg Arpin

Signature:  Date: 7/17/25 Signature:  Date: 7/18/25



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Re: Plan of Correction – Dukes County Jail and House of Correction, Edgartown

Dear Sheriff Ogden:

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 May 30, 2025. After review, the EHRS finds the plan addresses all the deficiencies noted in the report with the following exception:

In regards to the issue of overcrowding, the EHRS appreciates the limitations of correctional facilities and the need to accommodate the ever-increasing population; however we remain concerned with the overcrowded conditions.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas Gale".

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Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

cc: James Neville, Special Sheriff
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