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Greetings,

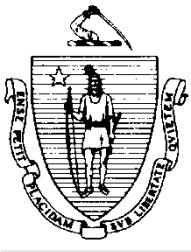
Pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403, please find the inspection report for Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Wallace".

Patrick Wallace
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

Cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, Commissioner, DPH (electronic copy)
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December 16, 2025

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 December 4, 2025, accompanied by Michael Moreira and Justin Samanica, Environmental Health and Safety Officers, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 120 total deficiencies: 19 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 28 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 27 new deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 46 repeat deficiencies under the Recommended Standards.

Overview

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SECTION 1: Health and Safety Deficiencies

First Floor

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

5 new deficiencies and 13 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. Staff Bathroom		105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet # 3 out-of-order
2. 1 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 9
3. 9 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling dirty outside showers
4. 9 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged outside showers
5. 9 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty outside showers
6. 13 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged outside showers
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12. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Caulking dirty and damaged throughout shower area
13. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Hole in floor full of standing dirty water in shower # 1
14. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
15. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor drain clogged
16. Day Room	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, pressure relief valve leaking on hot water tank
17. Day Room	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, leg rusted on hot water tank
18. Intake	Inmate Bathroom B-1	105 CMR 451.126*	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 61°F at handwash sink

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

7 new deficiencies and 11 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. Janitorial Supply Room		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing
2. Janitorial Supply Room		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling
3. 1 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 2
4. 5 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in hallway

5. 5 Alley		105 CMR 451.360*	Protective Measures: Building not protected against infestation, rodent droppings observed on floor around fire exit door
6. 5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged in cell # 74
7. 5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 70
8. 5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 70
9. 5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged around toilet in cell # 76
10. 9 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in hallway
11. 9 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 138
12. Barbershop		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Side of countertop damaged
13. Barbershop		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Countertop left unfinished
14. 13 Alley	Slop Sink Closet	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle
15. Day Room	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged
16. Day Room	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
17. Laundry Room		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Dryer out-of-order
18. Intake	Holding Cells	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Door window cracked on cell # 1

Second Floor

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

5 new deficiencies and 1 repeat deficiency (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. Health Services	Female Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.124	Water Supply: Insufficient hot water supply in quantity and pressure at handwash sink
2. Health Services	Nurse's Station	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 70°F at handwash sink
3. 14 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 198
4. 10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 142
5. 6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 90
6. 2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 25

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

4 new deficiencies and 7 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. 14 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 192
2. 14 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 191 and 196

3. 10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 148
4. 10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling surface damaged in cell # 152
5. 10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged under handwash sink in cell # 142
6. 10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 148
7. 6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged at entrance to cell # 89
8. 2 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in hallway
9. 2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 27
10. 2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 19

Third Floor

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

2 new deficiencies and 5 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. 7 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside showers
2. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 111
3. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 203
4. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold on walls outside showers
5. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling outside showers
6. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside showers
7. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged outside showers

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

11 new deficiencies and 14 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. 3 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 35
2. 3 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 35
3. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 97 and 99
4. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 97
5. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 98
6. 11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 155 and 164

7. 11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 154 and 163
8. 11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 159 and 161
9. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged in cell # 212
10. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged around toilet in cell # 212
11. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 202 and 203
12. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 5 and 10
13. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 2 and 8
14. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on walls in cell # 5 and 10
15. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 1
16. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 1
17. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 6

Fourth Floor

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

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

1. 8 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 126 and 127
2. 8 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet fixture not secured to wall in cell # 125
3. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside showers
4. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1
5. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2
6. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold observed on walls outside showers
7. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling outside showers

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

5 new deficiencies and 14 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. 4 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 55
2. 12 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged in cell # 171 and 176
3. 12 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged in cell # 168 and 175

4. 12 Alley	Slop Sink	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle
5. 16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 221
6. 16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 217
7. 16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged in cell # 213
8. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling in cell # 2, 4, and 10
9. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling in cell # 1
10. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 2, 6, and 10
11. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 4
12. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 6
13. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty in cell # 2

Kitchen

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

5 new deficiencies and 3 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. Main Area	105 CMR 451.200*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Outer openings not protected against the entry of insects and rodents, entrance door not tight-fitting at bottom. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-202.15(A)(3).
2. 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).
3. Ice Machine	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, door damaged. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(B).
4. 3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, all three compartments dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).
5. 3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, dirty cambro sitting in sanitizer bay. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).
6. 3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, countertop dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).
7. 3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, dirty warewash machine tray sitting on counter submerged in moldy water. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 21 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

EHRS inspected all areas of the facility.

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 111 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](http://www.mass.gov/dph/dcs/105CMR451.000) 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 Analyst, EHRS, BCEH



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**Department of Public Safety
Division of Community Sanitation, c/o Mr. Patrick Wallace, EHRS, BCEH
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December 29, 2025

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Attached, please find the response from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office for the December 4th, 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,

Handwritten signature of Michael E. Moreira.

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

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10. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty throughout shower Area <i>Response: Floors have been cleaned and scrubbed.</i>
11. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty throughout shower Area <i>Response: Walls have been cleaned.</i>
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15. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor drain clogged <i>Response: Drain has been unclogged.</i>

16. Day Room	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, pressure relief valve leaking on hot water tank Response: Relief valve has been replaced.
17. Day Room	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, leg rusted on hot water tank Response: Leg to be repaired and painted by 1/2/26.
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Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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2. Janitorial Supply Room		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on Ceiling Response: Ceiling has been cleaned.
3. 1 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 2 Response: Wall to be repaired by 3/6/26.
4. 5 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in hallway Response: Floor to be repaired by 3/6/26.
5. 5 Alley		105 CMR 451.360*	Protective Measures: Building not protected against infestation, rodent droppings observed on floor around fire exit door Response: Door gasket replaced by maintenance.
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7. 5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 70 Response: Ceiling to be painted by 2/6/26.
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9. 5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged around toilet in cell # 76 Response: Wall to be repaired by 3/6/26.
10. 9 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in hallway Response: Floor patches have been installed by maintenance.
11. 9 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 138 Response: Ceiling to be painted by 2/6/26.

12. Barbershop		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Side of countertop Damaged Response: Requested April 2025 to replace with vanity and sink. To be installed by 3/6/2026
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6. 2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 25 Response: Mattress has been replaced.

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4. 10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling surface damaged in cell # 152 Response: Ceiling to be repaired by 3/6/26.
5. 10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged under handwash sink in cell # 142 Response: Wall to be repaired by 3/6/26.
6. 10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 148 Response: Wall to be painted by 2/6/26.
7. 6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged at entrance to cell # 89 Response: Floor to be repaired by 3/6/26.
8. 2 Alley		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in Hallway Response: Walls to be painted by 2/6/26.
9. 2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 27 Response: Wall to be painted by 2/6/26.
10. 2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 19 Response: Wall to be painted by 2/6/26.

Third Floor

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

2 new deficiencies and 5 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. 7 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside Showers Response: Ceiling to be painted by 2/6/26.
2. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 111 Response: Needs wax ring, Toilet to be repaired by 2/6/26.
3. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 203 Response: Needs wax ring, Toilet to be repaired by 2/6/26.
4. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold on walls outside showers Response: Walls have been cleaned.
5. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling outside showers Response: Ceiling has been cleaned.

6. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside Showers Response: Ceiling to be painted by 2/6/26.
7. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged outside Showers Response: Floor to be painted by 2/6/26.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

11 new deficiencies and 14 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. 3 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 35 Response: Wall to be painted by 2/6/26.
2. 3 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 35 Response: Ceiling to be painted by 2/6/26.
3. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 97 and 99 Response: Ceilings to be painted by 2/6/26.
4. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 97 Response: Wall to be painted by 2/6/26.
5. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 98 Response: Wall to be painted by 2/6/26.
6. 11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 155 and 164 Response: Ceilings to be painted by 2/6/26.
7. 11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 154 and 163 Response: Ceilings to be painted by 2/6/26.
8. 11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 159 and 161 Response: Wall to be painted by 2/6/26.
9. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged in cell # 212 Response: Floor to be repaired by 3/6/26.
10. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged around toilet in cell # 212 Response: Wall to be repaired by 3/6/26.
11. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 202 and 203 Response: Ceilings to be painted by 2/6/26.
12. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 5 and 10 Response: Ceilings have been cleaned.
13. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in cell # 2 and 8 Response: Ceilings have been cleaned.
14. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on walls in cell # 5 and 10 Response: Walls have been cleaned.

15. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 1 Response: Wall to be painted by 2/6/26.
16. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 1 Response: Ceiling to be painted by 2/6/26.
17. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 6 Response: Ceiling to be painted by 2/6/26.

Fourth Floor

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

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

1. 8 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 126 and 127 Response: Toilets to be repaired by 3/6/26.
2. 8 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet fixture not secured to wall in cell # 125 Response: Toilet to be repaired by 3/6/26.
3. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside Showers Response: Ceiling to be painted by 2/6/26.
4. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1 Response: Floor has been cleaned.
5. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2 Response: Walls have been cleaned.
6. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold observed on walls outside Showers Response: Walls have been cleaned.
7. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling outside Showers Response: Ceilings have been cleaned.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

5 new deficiencies and 14 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. 4 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 55 Response: Wall patched, need sanding and painting, to be completed by 2/6/26.
2. 12 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged in cell # 171 and 176 Response: Walls to be repaired by 3/6/26.
3. 12 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged in cell # 168 and 175 Response: Walls to be repaired by 3/6/26.
4. 12 Alley	Slop Sink	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical Bottle Response: Bottle has been properly labeled.

5. 16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 221 Response: Wall to be painted by 2/6/26.
6. 16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 217 Response: Ceiling to be painted by 2/6/26.
7. 16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged in cell # 213 Response: Wall to be repaired by 3/6/26.
8. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling in cell # 2, 4, and 10 Response: Ceilings have been cleaned.
9. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling in cell # 1 Response: Ceiling has been cleaned.
10. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 2, 6, and 10 Response: Ceilings to be painted by 2/6/26.
11. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 4 Response: Floor to be painted by 2/6/26.
12. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 6 Response: Floor to be painted by 2/6/26.
13. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty in cell # 2 Response: Walls have been cleaned.

Kitchen

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

5 new deficiencies and 3 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. Main Area	105 CMR 451.200*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Outer openings not protected against the entry of insects and rodents, entrance door not tight-fitting at bottom. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-202.15(A)(3). Response: Weather-stripping to be installed by 2/6/25.
2. 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). Response: Taken out of service 12/8/25, replacement requested.
3. Ice Machine	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, door damaged. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(B). Response: Taken out of service 12/8/25, replacement requested.
4. 3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, all three compartments dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). Response: Cambro removed, 3 bay sink has been cleaned and powerwashed

5. 3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, dirty cambro sitting in sanitizer bay. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). Response: Cambro removed, 3 bay sink has been cleaned and powerwashed
6. 3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, countertop dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). Response: Cambro removed, 3 bay sink has been cleaned and powerwashed
7. 3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, dirty warewash machine tray sitting on counter submerged in moldy water. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). Response: Sink has been drained, scrubbed, and sanitized.
8. Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty Response: Toilet has been cleaned.

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 21 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

EHRS inspected all areas of the facility.

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 111 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](http://www.mass.gov/dph/dcs/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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January 9, 2026

Paul Heroux, Sheriff
Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility
400 Faunce Corner Road
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 December 4, 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

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Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Joseph Oliver III, Superintendent
Michael Moreira, EHSO

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