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January 29, 2026

To: Shawn Jenkins, Commissioner, Department of Corrections (electronic copy)
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Clerk, Massachusetts Senate (electronic copy)
Greg Arpin, Chief of Deputies (electronic copy)

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,

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

Nicholas Gale
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

Cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, Commissioner, DPH (electronic copy)
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December 30, 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 December 18, 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 21 total deficiencies: 10 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 2 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 3 new 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

Food Service Area

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

1 repeat deficiency (indicated by an *) was found during the inspection:

1. Kitchen	Mechanical Warewashing Machine	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation; Equipment: Warewashing machine not operating in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, quaternary ammonium solution not dispensing. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.15(A).
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Pre-Release Unit

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

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1. Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
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Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 repeat deficiency (indicated by an *) was found during the inspection:

1. Hallway	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Floor damaged around floor vent
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Units 1

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

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1. Unit # 1	Shower Stall	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling outside shower
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Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Unit # 1	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, double bunked in cell # 1, 2, and 3
2. Unit # 1	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling surface damaged in cell # 1

Unit 2

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

2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1. Unit # 2	Dorm Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 2
2. Unit # 2	Dorm Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in shower # 2

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 repeat deficiency (indicated by an *) was found during the inspection:

1. Unit # 2	Dorm Room	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room
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Second Floor

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 repeat deficiency (indicated by an *) was found during the inspection:

1. Main Hallway	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
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Unit 3

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

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

1. Unit # 3	Shower Stall	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Threshold surface damaged
2. Unit # 3	Shower Stall	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls
3. Unit # 3	Shower Stall	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged
4. Unit # 3	Shower Stall	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower dial shroud missing

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 repeat deficiency (indicated by an *) was found during the inspection:

1. Unit # 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, double bunked in cell # 1, 2, and 3
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Unit 4

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

3 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1. Unit # 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink not working in cell # 1 and 3
2. Unit # 4	Shower Stall	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Rust staining on walls

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Unit # 4	Hallway	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Window # 2 damaged
2. Unit # 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, double bunked in cell # 3
3. Unit # 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Light junction box hanging from ceiling in cell # 3

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 40 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

EHRS did not inspect 1 area of the facility because it was either in use, locked, or under construction.

1. Second Floor Units Nurse's Office Nurse's Office Bathroom Unable to Inspect – Locked

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 16 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,



Nicholas Gale
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH



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Nicholas Gale
Department of Public Health
Bureau of Environmental Health
5 Randolph Street
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January 7th, 2026

RE: Plan of Correction – Dukes County Jail and House of Correction

Dear Inspector Gale,

In response to your most recent letter dated December 30th, 2025, I am submitting a Plan of Correction in accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, to detail the corrective steps to be taken, to address violations that were noted but remained unaddressed, in the Plan of Correction we previously provided. Please see attached submissions addressing these violations noted in your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Major Jonathan Cristea
Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Operations
Dukes County Sheriff's Office
508-627-5173 x216 (office)
jcristea@dcsoma.org

Dukes County Sheriff's Office – HOC – Plan of Correction – 01/07/2026

Area:	Standard:	Deficiency:	Corrective Action:	Responsible Party:	Estimated Date:
Required Standard Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)					
<i>Food Service Area:</i>					
1. Kitchen	105 CMR 451.200	Mechanical Ware-washing Machine / Quaternary Ammonium Solution not dispensing properly /	Install New Pump	Ecolab	Completed 01/2026
Required Standard Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)					
<i>Pre-Release Unit:</i>					
1. Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling Fan Dusty /	Cleaning Detail	DCSO	Completed 01/2026
Recommended Standards Deficiencies (.300 series)					
1. Hallway	105 CMR 451.350*	Hallway / Floor Damage Around Vent	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
<i>Unit-1:</i>					
Required Standard Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)					
1. Unit-1	105 CMR 451.123	Shower Stall / Mold on Ceiling outside shower /	Cleaning Detail	DCSO	Completed 01/2026
Recommended Standards Deficiencies (.300 series)					
1. Unit-1	105 CMR 451.320*	Cells / Inadequate Floor Space. Double Bunked in Cell-1, Cell-2 & Cell-3 /	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
2. Unit-1	105 CMR 451.353	Cells / Interior Maintenance: Ceiling surface damaged in Cell-1 /	Patch Ceiling	DCSO	06/01/2026
<i>Unit-2:</i>					
Required Standard Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)					
1. Unit-2	105 CMR 451.123	Dorm Shower / Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in Shower #2	Work Detail	DCSO	06/01/2026
2. Unit-2	105 CMR 451.123	Dorm Shower / Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in Shower #2 /	Work Detail	DCSO	06/01/2026
Recommended Standards Deficiencies (.300 series)					
1. Unit-2	105 CMR 451.322	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room /	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
<i>Second Floor:</i>					
Recommended Standards Deficiencies (.300 series)					
1. Main Hallway	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged /	Work Detail	DCSO	06/01/2026
<i>Unit-3:</i>					
Required Standard Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)					
1. Unit-3	105 CMR 451.123*	Shower Stall / Maintenance: Threshold surface damaged /	Work Detail	DCSO	06/01/2026
1. Unit-3	105 CMR 451.123	Shower Stall / Maintenance: Soap scum on walls /	Work Detail	DCSO	06/01/2026

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1. Unit-3	105 CMR 451.130	Shower Stall / Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower dial shroud missing /	Replace shower dial shroud	DCSO	Completed 01/2026

Recommended Standards Deficiencies (.300 series)

1. Unit-3	105 CMR 451.320*	Cells / Inadequate Floor Space / Double Bunked in Cell-1, Cell-2 & Cell-3 /	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
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Unit-4:

Required Standard Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)

1. Unit-4	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair / Sink not working in Cell-1 & Cell-3	Replace Tiles	DCSO / Plumbing Contractor	07/01/2026
2. Unit-4	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Rust staining on walls /	Work Detail	DCSO	07/01/2026

Recommended Standards Deficiencies (.300 series)

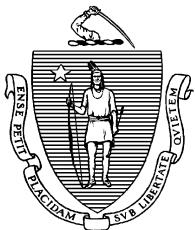
1. Unit-4	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Damage: Window #2 damaged /	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
2. Unit-4	105 CMR 451.320*	Cells / Inadequate Floor Space / Double Bunked in Cell-3.	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	07/01/2026
3. Unit-4	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Light Junction Box hanging from ceiling in Cell-3 /	Secure Light	DCSO	02/01/2026

Submitted by: Captain Michael Trance

Approved by: Major Jonathan Cristea

Signature:  Date: 1/7/26

Signature:  Date: 1/7/26



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January 20, 2026

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

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 December 18, 2025. After review, the EHRS finds the plan addresses all the deficiencies noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. The EHRS appreciates the information provided within your Plan of Correction, however, the time frames to correct the deficiencies listed below appear excessive, and the EHRS would like these deficiencies corrected within a shorter time frame:
 - a. Wall paint damaged in shower # 2 within Unit # 2;
 - b. Ceiling paint damaged in shower # 2 within Unit # 2;
 - c. Floor tiles damaged in the main hallway on the second floor;
 - d. Soap scum on walls in the shower in Unit # 3;
 - e. Ceiling surface damaged above the shower in Unit # 3; and
 - f. Rust staining on walls in the shower in Unit # 4.
2. Additionally, 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,



Nicholas Gale
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Major Jonathan Cristea, Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Operations (electronic copy)
Greg Arpin, Chief of Deputies (electronic copy)
Michael Trance, Captain of Standards and Compliance (electronic copy)

Dukes County Sheriff's Office – HOC – Plan of Correction – 01/07/2026

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<i>Unit-2:</i>					
Required Standard Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)					
1. Unit-2	105 CMR 451.123	Dorm Shower / Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in Shower #2	Work Detail	DCSO	02/28/2026
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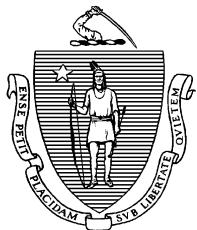
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