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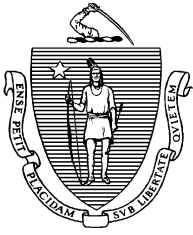
Greetings,

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

Sincerely,

Kerry Wagner, MPH
 Field Supervisor, EAIII, BCEH, EHRS

Cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, Commissioner, DPH (electronic copy)
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March 16, 2026

Thomas Bowler, Sheriff
Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction
467 Cheshire Road
Pittsfield, MA 01201 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection - Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction, Pittsfield

Dear Sheriff Bowler:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction on March 11, 2026 accompanied by Captain Danielle Tyer, Compliance Coordinator; Captain Robert McCluskey; Sergeant Kyle Richardson, Fire Safety/Environmental Health and Safety Officer; and Lieutenant Josean Sanchez, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 80 total deficiencies: 45 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 28 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 5 new deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 2 repeat deficiencies under the Recommended Standards.

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Section 5 outlines observations and recommendations related to the inspection.

SECTION 1: Health and Safety Deficiencies

Housing Units

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

35 new deficiencies and 27 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	A-POD		105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, screen missing at bubbler
2.	A-POD	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # A202 **Corrected On Site**
3.	A-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor finish damaged in shower # 1, 2, and 3
4.	A-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor finish damaged in shower # 4, 5, 6, and 7
5.	A-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 4, 5, and 7
6.	A-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor finish damaged in shower
7.	A-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower
8.	B-POD	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, cold water continually running in cell # B114 and B115
9.	B-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor finish damaged in shower # 1, 2, and 3
10.	B-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling outside of showers
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12.	B-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall tile grout missing in shower # 2
13.	B-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor finish damaged in shower # 4, 5, 6, and 7
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15.	B-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor finish damaged in shower
16.	C-POD	Cells	105 CMR 451.102*	Pillows and Linens: Pillow damaged in cell # C114 **Corrected On Site**
17.	C-POD	Cells	105 CMR 451.124	Water Supply: Insufficient water supply in quantity and pressure at handwash sink in cell # C206
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26. E-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 4 and 5
27. E-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty
28. E-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
29. F-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5
30. F-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 6
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Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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1. A-POD	Sub Day Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # A103
2. B-POD	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall cracked above window in cell # B118
3. C-POD	Sub Day Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged around floor drain outside of shower
4. E-POD	Sub Day Room Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # E101

Medical

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

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1. Dental	Exam Room # 1	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 90°F at handwash sink
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Kitchen

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

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1. Walk-in-Cooler	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, cooler out-of-order. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(A).
2. Walk-in-Freezer	105 CMR 451.200	Preventing Contamination after Receiving; Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Food not appropriately covered, burritos stored uncovered. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-302.11(A)(4). **Corrected On Site**

3. Bakery	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Premises not maintained free of insects, flies observed around prep sink. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.111.
4. Bakery	105 CMR 451.200	Protection from Contamination After Receiving; Preventing Contamination from Equipment, Utensils, and Linens: Wet cloth not stored in sanitizer solution. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-304.14(B)(1). **Corrected On Site**
5. Worker's Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, single door refrigerator unable to maintain temperature, temperature recorded at 48°F. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(A).
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8. Inmate Bathroom # FS07	105 CMR 451.124	Water Supply: No cold water supplied to handwash sink
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SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRIS inspected 158 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRIS did not inspect

EHRIS did not inspect 9 areas of the facility because they were either in use, locked, or under construction.

1. Intake/Booking	Male Search Room # 2		Unable to Inspect – In Use
2. Intake/Booking	Urinalysis Lab		Unable to Inspect – Locked
3. Intake/Booking	Storage Room # BR18		Unable to Inspect – Locked
4. Intake/Booking	Storage Closet # BR25		Unable to Inspect – Locked
5. Housing	E-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	Unable to Inspect Shower # 1 – In Use
6. Housing	G-POD		Unable to Inspect – Closed
7. Vocational Education	IT Office		Unable to Inspect – Locked
8. Medical	Med Room # MS03		Unable to Inspect – Locked
9. Medical	Inmate Waiting Area	Storage (former Inmate Bathroom)	Unable to Inspect – Locked
10. Central Control	Key Room		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. The Plan of Correction must include:

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. A signature by the Superintendent or Administrator responsible for the plan. The signed plan should be submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

SECTION 5: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 197 at the time of inspection.
2. During the inspection the EHRIS recommended:
 - a. Kitchen staff implement and document cooling procedures to ensure food is cooled in accordance with 105 CMR 590; FC 3-501.14 Cooling which requires food to be cooled:
 - i. Within 2 hours from 57°C (135°F) to 21°C (70°F); and
 - ii. Within a total of 6 hours from 57°C (135°F) to 5°C (41°F) or less.
 - b. Storing the reserved test meals on the bottom shelf in the Kitchen’s walk-in cooler; and
 - c. Numbering all showers throughout the institution to assist EHRIS and Berkshire County employees better recognize where issues exist.

3. At the time of inspection D and H Pod were unoccupied. G Pod was closed and being used to store construction equipment.

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,



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March 24, 2026

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Dear Ms. Wagner:

In compliance with your March 16, 2026 request, I am returning the Report of Conditions issued following the Department of Public Health's March 11, 2026 inspection of the Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction.

Corrective measures have been taken and are so indicated on the enclosed copy of the Report.

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Bowler".

Thomas Bowler,
Sheriff of Berkshire County

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Enclosures



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6.	A-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor finish damaged in shower See DCAM Shower Project Log
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20.	C-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on wall in shower # 4 Cleaned by inmate work crew on 3/13/26
21.	C-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor finish damaged in shower # 4, 5, 6, and 7 See DCAM Shower Project Log

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28. E-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty Cleaned by inmate work crew on 3/12/26
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31. H-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor finish damaged in shower # 1, 2, and 3 See DCAM Shower Project Letter
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Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. A-POD	Sub Day Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # A103 Painting completed on 3/18/26
2. B-POD	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall cracked above window in cell # B118 Expected to be filled and painted by 3/27/26
3. C-POD	Sub Day Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged around floor drain outside of shower See DCAM Shower Project Letter
4. E-POD	Sub Day Room Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # E101 Painted on 3/21/26

Medical

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1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1. Dental	Exam Room # 1	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 90°F at handwash sink Adjusted temperature on 3/17/26. Temp after adjustment was 112 degrees F.
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Kitchen

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2. Walk-in-Freezer	105 CMR 451.200	Preventing Contamination after Receiving; Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Food not appropriately covered, burritos stored uncovered. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-302.11(A)(4). **Corrected On Site**
3. Bakery	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Premises not maintained free of insects, flies observed around prep sink. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.111. Sprayed drains in kitchen on 3/12/26, monitoring
4. Bakery	105 CMR 451.200	Protection from Contamination After Receiving; Preventing Contamination from Equipment, Utensils, and Linens: Wet cloth not stored in sanitizer solution. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-304.14(B)(1). **Corrected On Site**
5. Worker's Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, single door refrigerator unable to maintain temperature, temperature recorded at 48°F. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(A). Food was removed and thrown away. The next day when maintenance came to look at the unit, it was functioning properly, within the proper temperature range. Maintenance stated it may have been an extended defrost cycle. Kitchen staff and maintenance will monitor the unit closely moving forward.
6. Worker's Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Limitation of Growth of Organisms of Public Health Concern, Temperature and Time Control: Time/temperature control for safety food not held at 41°F or less (Pf), pasta salad recorded at 45°F. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-501.16(A)(2). **Corrected On Site**
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8. Inmate Bathroom # FS07	105 CMR 451.124	Water Supply: No cold water supplied to handwash sink Replaced vacuum line on 3/20/26
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Gym

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1. Weight Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle Replaced with a labeled bottle 3/12/26
2. Weight Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Padding damaged on exercise equipment Padding expected to be replaced/re-upholstered by 4/3/26

Warehouse

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

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

1. Walk-in-Freezer	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, ice buildup on ceiling. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). Ice removed, Parts ordered to reseal the door. Expected completion date 4/3/26. Will continue to clean as needed.
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SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRIS inspected 158 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRIS did not inspect

EHRIS did not inspect 9 areas of the facility because they were either in use, locked, or under construction.

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4. Intake/Booking	Storage Closet # BR25	Unable to Inspect – Locked	
5. Housing	E-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	Unable to Inspect Shower # 1 – In Use
6. Housing	G-POD	Unable to Inspect – Closed	
7. Vocational Education	IT Office	Unable to Inspect – Locked	
8. Medical	Med Room # MS03	Unable to Inspect – Locked	
9. Medical	Inmate Waiting Area	Storage (former Inmate Bathroom)	Unable to Inspect – Locked
10. Central Control	Key Room	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. The Plan of Correction must include:

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. A signature by the Superintendent or Administrator responsible for the plan. The signed plan should be submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

SECTION 5: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 197 at the time of inspection.
2. During the inspection the EHRS recommended:
 - a. Kitchen staff implement and document cooling procedures to ensure food is cooled in accordance with 105 CMR 590; FC 3-501.14 Cooling which requires food to be cooled:
 - i. Within 2 hours from 57°C (135°F) to 21°C (70°F); and
 - ii. Within a total of 6 hours from 57°C (135°F) to 5°C (41°F) or less.
 - b. Storing the reserved test meals on the bottom shelf in the Kitchen's walk-in cooler; and
 - c. Numbering all showers throughout the institution to assist EHRS and Berkshire County employees better recognize where issues exist.
3. At the time of inspection D and H Pod were unoccupied. G Pod was closed and being used to store construction equipment.

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,

Kerry Wagner, MPH
Field Supervisor, EAIII, BCEH, EHRS



Thomas Bowler
Sheriff

Brad M. Little
Superintendent/
Special Sheriff

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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467 Cheshire Road
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Daniel J. Sheridan
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Assistant Superintendent

To: Kerry Wagner, DPH

Date: 3/17/26

RE: Shower project timeline and plan of action.

Our facility applied for and receive a mini grant for the use of retaining a House Doctor to prepare a survey and cost estimate to finish the three remaining phases of our showers. We retained Engineering Design Management (EDM) as our house doctor after receiving the Interdepartmental Service Agreement. EDM provided this information to us and we applied through Division of Capital Asset Management Maintenance (DCAMM) for a Major Capital Project funding project on January 30, 2026. March 2026 Recommendations were submitted for the Governor's approval. Sometime between March - June of 2026 the Announcements of project Awards will take place. Should we be awarded the funding Phase #1 will start with the two pods that are unoccupied G & H, Phase #2 will be A, J, and D and Phase 3 which will be B & C. Depending on our population at the time the phase plans would be subject to change.

In the meantime, as you will see attached, our Unit Managers will continue to do extra cleanings on the showers and any necessary grout and tile repairs will be taken care of by our Maintenance staff.

Robert Ciempa
Assistant Deputy Superintendent, Facilities

MEMO

To: Assistant Deputy Superintendent Robert Ciempa

From: Primary Captain Robert McCluskey

Date: March 17, 2026

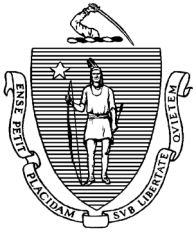
Re: Corrective action for shower deficiencies.

In response to the DPH report dated March 16, 2026, regarding shower deficiencies in the housing units the facility has increased cleaning the showers to twice a day, once at the end of first shift and again at the end of second shift using a new disinfecting acid bathroom cleaner (#73 shower cleaner). This process will continue in the interim until renovations of all showers within the facility are completed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. McCluskey".

Robert McCluskey



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March 31, 2026

Thomas Bowler, Sheriff
 Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction
 467 Cheshire Road
 Pittsfield, MA 01201 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction - Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction, Pittsfield

Dear Sheriff Bowler:

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 11, 2026. After review, the EHRS finds the plan addresses all the deficiencies noted.

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

Sincerely,

Kerry Wagner, MPH
 Field Supervisor, EAIII, BCEH, EHRS

cc: Brad Little, Superintendent (electronic copy)
 Captain Danielle Tyer, Compliance Coordinator (electronic copy)
 Sergeant Kyle Richardson, Environmental Health and Safety Officer (electronic copy)