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Greetings,

Pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403, please find the inspection report for Essex 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,

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April 3, 2026

Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
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Re: Facility Inspection – Essex County Correctional Facility, Middleton

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Essex County Correctional Facility on March 18 and 20, 2026 accompanied by Lieutenant Steve Wilkins, Environmental Health and Safety Officer and Captain Jotham Garbin, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 249 total deficiencies: 127 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 42 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 66 new deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), 12 repeat deficiencies under the Recommended Standards, and 2 new deficiencies under 105 CMR 451.402(B) (other conditions that may constitute a threat to health or safety).

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

Administration Building

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

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1.	Administration Hallway	Mop/Hot Water Heater Room # 1017	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, slop sink leaking
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Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1.	Administration Hallway	Mop/Hot Water Heater Room # 1017	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Pooling water on floor
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ISB Building

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

4 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Visitor Area	Bathrooms (2)	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No toilet paper in right side bathroom
2.	Records Hallway	Nursing Mother's Room # 1009	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, excessive ice buildup in freezer and refrigerator
3.	Records Hallway	Male Staff Bathroom # 1010	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 90°F at handwash sink
4.	Records Hallway	Male Staff Bathroom # 1010	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink slow to drain

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	Exterior		105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior stairs damaged at back entrance near Video Courts
2.	Records Hallway	IT Offices # 1003	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling vent

Holding Unit Hallway

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

8 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Holding Unit # 1022	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty **Corrected on Site**
2.	Holding Unit # 1022	Medical Office	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty **Corrected on Site**
3.	Holding Unit # 1022	Medical Office	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 100°F at handwash sink

4.	Holding Unit # 1022	Medical Office	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink faucet leaking
5.	Holding Unit # 1022	Holding Tanks # 1-4	105 CMR 451.117	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty in tank # 2 **Corrected on Site**
6.	Holding Unit # 1022	Holding Tanks # 1-4	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in tank # 3 **Corrected on Site**
7.	Holding Unit # 1022	Sleeping Area	105 CMR 451.104	Beds: Bed not in good repair, bed # 7 damaged
8.	Holding Unit # 1022	Storage Room	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of ice machine dirty **Corrected on Site**

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	New Interview Room Hallway	Interview Room # 6-12	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Carpet damaged in room # 9
2.	Holding Unit # 1022	Sleeping Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty **Corrected on Site**

Food Service Area

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

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

1.	Entire Kitchen		105 CMR 451.200*	Materials for Construction and Repair; Indoor Areas: Floor surface not smooth and easily cleanable, floor surface damaged and stained throughout food service area. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-101.11(A)(1).
2.	Mechanical Tray Warewash Area		105 CMR 451.200	Design and Construction, Functionality: Warewashing machine missing an easily accessible and readable data plate, data plate missing wash temperature requirements. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-204.113.
3.	Mechanical Tray Warewash Area		105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Water pressure for the sanitizing rinse in a mechanical warewash machine not within the range specified on the manufacturer's data plate. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.113.
4.	Mechanical Tray Warewash Area		105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Equipment: Warewashing machine not operating in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, final rinse thermometer not reading in accordance with data plate. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.15(A).
5.	Mechanical Tray Warewash Area		105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Premises not maintained free of insects, flies observed. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.111.
6.	3-Compartment Sink		105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty (Pf), metal lids for roasting pans stored on drying racks dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-601.11(A). **Corrected on Site**

7. 3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Premises not maintained free of insects, flies observed. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.111.
8. Walk-In Refrigerator # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, strong odor present in cooler. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). **Corrected on Site**
9. Walk-In Refrigerator # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, spilled milk on floor. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). **Corrected on Site**
10. Freezer # 2	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, floorboards warped and uneven throughout freezer. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.11.
11. Freezer # 2	105 CMR 451.200	Sources, Specifications; Specifications for Receiving: Food packages not in good condition (Pf), top of frozen chicken boxes appeared water damaged and dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-202.15.
12. Walk-In Cooler # 3	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), deli meat recorded at 48°F. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-501.16(A)(2).
13. Walk-In Cooler # 3	105 CMR 451.200	Preventing Contamination from the Premises; Food Storage: Food not stored in a clean, dry location, condensation from plastic bag dripping onto cooling corn bread. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-305.11(A)(1). **Corrected on Site**
14. Pull Cage	105 CMR 451.200	Protection from Contamination After Receiving, Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Food or food ingredients that have been removed from original packages not labeled with common name of food, several spice containers missing label. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-302.12. **Corrected on Site**
15. Kettle Hood Area	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Non-functional equipment not repaired or removed from premises, kettle # 3 out-of-order. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.114(A).
16. Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-Service Items not stored at least 6 inches above the floor, disposable cups/bowls stored on floor. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-903.11(A)(3). **Corrected on Site**
17. 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), deli meats recorded at 48°F. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-501.16(A)(2).

18. Serving Line		105 CMR 451.200	Hands and Arms: Insufficient hand washing, after touching exposed portion of one's body (Pf), inmates not washing hands and changing gloves after putting beard guards on. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 2-301.14(A).
19. Aramark Office		105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-Service Items not stored at least 6 inches above the floor, cups stored on ground. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-903.11(A)(3). **Corrected on Site**
20. Hallway	Inmate Break Room	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Interior of microwave oven not cleaned every 24 hours, interior of microwave oven dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.12(B). **Corrected on Site**
21. Hallway	Loading Dock	105 CMR 451.200*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Outer openings not protected against the entry of insects and rodents, loading dock door not tight-fitting. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-202.15(A)(3).
22. Hallway	Loading Dock	105 CMR 451.200	Refuse, Recyclables, and Returnables; Facilities on Premises: Outdoor storage surface constructed of absorbent materials, not smooth or sloped to drain, pavement surrounding dumpster damaged resulting in standing water. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 5-501.11.
23. Hallway	Back Cage	105 CMR 451.200	Location and Placement; Distressed Merchandise: Dented cans not properly segregated (Pf). Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-404.11. **Corrected on Site**
24. Hallway	Inmate Bathroom # 1029	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink slow to drain

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1. Loading Dock	105 CMR 451.370	Garbage Storage: Garbage stored in an unsanitary condition, excessive debris and standing water around new dumpster
2. Inmate Dining Room	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior stairs leading to Inmate Dining Room damaged

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

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

1. R5 # 2014	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Pillow damaged at bed # 6
2. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling left unfinished
3. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Trim around shower damaged
4. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Shower door frame rusted
5. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.124	Water Supply: Insufficient hot water supply in quantity and pressure at handwash sink
6. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower
7. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on shower curtain
8. R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Door frame rotted
9. R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls damaged

10.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling left unfinished
11.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Shower door frame rusted in shower
12.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Door to bathroom rusted
13.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.124	Water Supply: Insufficient hot water supply in quantity and pressure at handwash sink
14.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower
15.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on shower curtain
16.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	I1-Isolation Room # 2005	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
2.	I1-Isolation Room # 2005	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall joints/connectors damaged near toilet
3.	I2-Isolation Room # 2006	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
4.	Exam Room # 2041	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Countertop damaged
5.	Medication Administration/Storage Room # 2038	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Countertop damaged
6.	Safe Keep Room # 2007	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
7.	R1 # 2009	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty
8.	R1 # 2009	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
9.	R2 # 2010	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty
10.	R2 # 2010	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged
11.	R5 # 2014	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall joint/connector damaged
12.	R6 # 2015	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall joint/connector damaged
13.	R6 # 2015	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

240 Building (J)

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

30 new deficiencies and 30 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not fire-retardant in cell # 512
2.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Insufficient pillow available for inmate in cell # 509, 527, and 541
3.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 528, 547, and 558
4.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9
5.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 7
6.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Pooling water on floor outside showers
7.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 6 and 8
8.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 7 and 9
9.	A Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
10.	B Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty
11.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 633

12. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not available for inmate in cell # 607, 627, 632, and 636
13. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not fire-retardant in cell # 602, 635, and 647
14. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1 and 9
15. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 1-9
16. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in shower # 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9
17. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Insufficient pillow available for inmates in cell block, most inmates missing pillows
18. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not fire-retardant in cell # 703
19. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 733
20. C Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor cracked outside showers
21. C Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling cracked in shower # 4
22. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not available for inmate in cell # 843
23. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 814, 831, and 850
24. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Insufficient pillows available for inmates in cell block, most inmates missing pillows
25. D Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor damaged throughout Shower Area
26. D Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Water leaking from shower # 1 into shower # 2

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Entrance		105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Entrance door not rodent and weathertight
2. A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged
3. A Block	Upper Storage Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor drain uncapped, hole in floor
4. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles missing in cell # 649
5. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 605
6. C Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty
7. C Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Bird droppings observed on ceiling mounted mirrors
8. D Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Birds observed
9. D Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Bird droppings observed on ceiling mounted mirror
10. D Block	Upper Storage Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor drain uncapped, hole in floor

Program Building (K)

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

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1. Lower Programs	Teacher's Break Room # 1014	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty
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Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	Lower Programs	Exterior Hallway Door	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Exterior entrance door not rodent and weathertight, weather stripping damaged
2.	Upper Programs	Slop Sink # 1278	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket
3.	Upper Programs	Offices	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged in office # 2011 and 2031
4.	Upper Programs	Offices	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged in office # 2030

Vocational Education Building**Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)**

17 new deficiencies were found during the inspection.

1.	Voke 1	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2
2.	Voke 1	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 2
3.	Voke 2	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5 and 6
4.	Voke 2	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5 and 6
5.	Voke 4	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.117	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty in stall # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
6.	Voke 4	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 5, 6, and 7 out-of-order
7.	Voke 4	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Handwash sink # 2, 3, and 4 dirty

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

7 new deficiencies were found during the inspection.

1.	Voke 1	Sleeping Area	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Gap between wall and floor next to Emergency Exit door frame, area not rodent and weathertight
2.	Voke Hallway	Warehouse # 0911	105 CMR 451.346	Safe Wiring: Inappropriate use of temporary wiring, wire going through window
3.	Voke Hallway	Warehouse # 0911	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight
4.	Voke Hallway	Storage # 0919	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Red Emergency Door not rodent and weathertight
5.	Second Floor	M.A.P. Area Exam Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained
6.	Voke 3	Sleeping Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Hole in wall near bunk # 34
7.	Voke 4	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Countertop damaged outside bathroom area

120 Building (F)

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

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

1.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 112, 154, and 160
2.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, excessive cold water pressure at handwash sink in cell # 112
3.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 70°F at handwash sink in cell # 112
4.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Linens dirty in cell # 137
5.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Insufficient pillow available for inmates in cell # 113, 117, 136, 137, 143, 144, 148, 151, and 154
6.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Pooling water on floor outside showers
7.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 6 out-of-order
8.	A Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty
9.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not fire-retardant in cell # 213
10.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 231
11.	B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Debris on floor in shower # 6

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360*	Protective Measures: Birds observed
2.	A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Bird droppings observed on railing of upper tier landing
3.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall dirty in cell # 120
4.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Step to upper bunk broken in cell # 106
5.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 151
6.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 102, 104, 119, 125, 126, 141, 144, 147, and 157
7.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 112
8.	B Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged
9.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 225
10.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 237, 242, and 246
11.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 215, 224, 229, 237, and 258

60 Building (G)

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

4 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Cell Block	Lower Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1 and 2
2.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall dirty outside shower # 5 and 9

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	Entrance		105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Exterior siding damaged
2.	Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall vents rusted/corroded in cell # 302 and 320
3.	Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 323
4.	Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 348 and 349

80 Building (H)**Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)**

9 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of ice machine dirty
2.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1 and 2
3.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 4, 5, and 6
4.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5 and 6
5.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	Lower 80 – First Floor	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Fan dusty
2.	Lower 80 – First Floor	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: One chair damaged
3.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Slop Sink Room (near bathroom)	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Gym Building (I)**Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)**

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1.	Exterior		105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior siding damaged
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Outside the Fence**Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)**

4 new deficiencies were found during the inspection.

1.	Warehouse		105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, excessive ice buildup in white freezer
2.	Warehouse		105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of white freezer dirty

3.	Garage	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of black refrigerator dirty
4.	Garage	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in black refrigerator

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection.

1.	Warehouse	Slop Sink Room # 1004	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty
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Deficiencies under 105 CMR 451.402(B) (other conditions that may constitute a threat to health or safety)

2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Warehouse	105 CMR 451.402(B)	Storage: Storage area did not have prominent signage, no biohazard signage within Warehouse where biohazard storage box observed. Standard found in 105 CMR 480.100(C)(1).
2.	Warehouse	105 CMR 451.402(B)	Storage: Storage area not designed or equipped to prevent unauthorized access, biohazard box left unsecured on top left storage shelf. Standard found in 105 CMR 480.100(C)(2).

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRIS inspected 221 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRIS did not inspect

EHRIS did not inspect 16 areas of the facility because they were either in use, locked, or under repair.

1.	ISB Building	Visitor Area	Storage # 1001A	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
2.	ISB Building	Visitor Area	Storage Room # 1001B	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
3.	ISB Building	Records Hallway	Office # 1004	Unable to Inspect – Locked
4.	Holding Unit Hallway # 1017	New Interview Room Hallway	Interview Room # 6-12	Unable to Inspect Room # 12 – In Use
5.	Holding Unit Hallway # 1017	Holding Unit # 1022	Shower Area	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
6.	Health Services Unit (H.S.U.)	Back Hallway	Staff Bathroom	Unable to Inspect – In Use
7.	240 Building (J)	C Block	Shower Area	Unable to Inspect Shower # 1 and 9 – In Use
8.	Program Building (K)	Upper Programs	Bathroom # 1277	Unable to Inspect – Locked
9.	Vocational Education Building	First Floor	Storage Closet	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
10.	Vocational Education Building	Voke 1	Office	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
11.	Vocational Education Building	Voke 2	Offices	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
12.	Vocational Education Building	Voke Hallway	Storage Room	Unable to Inspect – Locked
13.	Vocational Education Building	Voke 4	Shower Area	Unable to Inspect – Not Used

14. 60 Building (G)	Cell Block	Lower Shower Area	Unable to Inspect Shower # 4 – In Use
15. 60 Building (G)	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	Unable to Inspect Shower # 8 – In Use

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 4: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 767 at the time of inspection.
2. Voke 1, 2, 3, and 4 were unoccupied at the time of inspection.
3. During the kitchen inspection the EHRS recommended:
 - a. Increasing the frequency of mop head cleaning or replacement; and
 - b. Including a space for the initials of the individual taking the temperature and an area to record the time of temperature checks on food temperature logs.
4. On January 6, 2026, the facility experienced an emergency power outage affecting numerous cell blocks. While repairs were underway, inmates were temporarily moved to Middlesex County Jail and House of Corrections with their mattresses, pillows, and linens. When inmates returned to Essex County, there was an insufficient inventory of available pillows and blankets. Facility staff stated replacement orders have already been placed and awaiting delivery. The EHRS recommends staff conduct an inventory of inmate supplies to ensure each inmate is provided with a mattress, pillow, linens, and a fire retardant blanket.
5. The EHRS recommended caulking the gap between the wall and handwash sink countertop in the Voke 1 Bathroom.

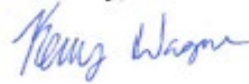
To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcs and click on "Correctional Facilities" [105 CMR 451.000](#), available in both PDF and RTF formats. For more specific information about the food standards, you can download the merged food code, which can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



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April 16, 2026

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Good afternoon Ms Wagner,

This letter is in response to the plan of correction letter dated April 3, 2026. I hope the attached corrective action report answers your concerns in full. If you have any questions regarding this report or our response, please do not hesitate to contact Lieutenant Steven Wilkins at (978)750-1900 ext.3280 or myself at (978)750-1900 ext.3356.

Sincerely,

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April 3, 2026

Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
Essex County Sheriff's Department Headquarters
20 Manning Avenue
Middleton, MA 01949 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Essex County Correctional Facility, Middleton

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Essex County Correctional Facility on March 18 and 20, 2026 accompanied by Lieutenant Steve Wilkins, Environmental Health and Safety Officer and Captain Jotham Garbin, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 249 total deficiencies: 127 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 42 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 66 new deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), 12 repeat deficiencies under the Recommended Standards, and 2 new deficiencies under 105 CMR 451.402(B) (other conditions that may constitute a threat to health or safety).

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

Administration Building

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

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1.	Administration Hallway	Mop/Hot Water Heater Room # 1017	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, slop sink leaking Sink drain leak fixed by facility plumber. Completed 3/23/2026
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Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1.	Administration Hallway	Mop/Hot Water Heater Room # 1017	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Pooling water on floor Water was mopped up by inmate worker. Completed 3/18/2026
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ISB Building

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

4 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Visitor Area	Bathrooms (2)	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No toilet paper in right side bathroom Toilet paper was placed in the bathroom by staff. Completed 3/18/2026
2.	Records Hallway	Nursing Mother's Room # 1009	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, excessive ice buildup in freezer and refrigerator refrigerator was defrosted by staff and placed back in service. Completed 3/22/2026
3.	Records Hallway	Male Staff Bathroom # 1010	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 90°F at handwash sink the hot water was adjusted to 115 degrees by the facility plumber. Completed 3/23/2026
4.	Records Hallway	Male Staff Bathroom # 1010	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink slow to drain sink was snaked by facility plumber and operates appropriately. Completed 3/23/2026

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	Exterior		105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior stairs damaged at back entrance near Video Courts The facility will be sending out for bid a contract to fix all of the deficient concrete stairs/ramps. Expected completion date Fall 2026
2.	Records Hallway	IT Offices # 1003	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling vent Vent cleaned and sanitized by facility staff. Completed 3/23/26

Holding Unit Hallway

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

8 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Holding Unit # 1022	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty **Corrected on Site**
2.	Holding Unit # 1022	Medical Office	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty **Corrected on Site**
3.	Holding Unit # 1022	Medical Office	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 100°F at handwash sink the hot water was adjusted to 115 degrees by the facility plumber. Completed 3/23/26.
4.	Holding Unit # 1022	Medical Office	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink faucet leaking Plumber inspected sink and ordered repair parts on 3/23/2026. Estimated completion 4/24/2026
5.	Holding Unit # 1022	Holding Tanks # 1-4	105 CMR 451.117	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty in tank # 2 **Corrected on Site**
6.	Holding Unit # 1022	Holding Tanks # 1-4	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in tank # 3 **Corrected on Site**
7.	Holding Unit # 1022	Sleeping Area	105 CMR 451.104	Beds: Bed not in good repair, bed # 7 damaged Bed was removed from service by facility staff. Completed 3/22/2026
8.	Holding Unit # 1022	Storage Room	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of ice machine dirty **Corrected on Site**

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	New Interview Room Hallway	Interview Room # 6-12	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Carpet damaged in room # 9 Carpet scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/15/2026
2.	Holding Unit # 1022	Sleeping Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty **Corrected on Site**

Food Service Area

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

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

1.	Entire Kitchen		105 CMR 451.200*	Materials for Construction and Repair; Indoor Areas: Floor surface not smooth and easily cleanable, floor surface damaged and stained throughout food service area. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-101.11(A)(1). Due to the large cost and current budget constraints, the floor is being scheduled for repair in sections. Estimated completion Fall 2026. In the interim period until repairs are made, the floors are mopped throughout the day with Quat 64 Lemon, which is a disinfectant. In areas which are still in a condition that could be less than desirable, we have placed Wet Floor signs
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over the affected area

2. Mechanical Tray Warewash Area	105 CMR 451.200	Design and Construction, Functionality: Warewashing machine missing an easily accessible and readable data plate, data plate missing wash temperature requirements. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-204.113. The facility and contracted vendor are working collaboratively to secure a lease agreement for a new warewash machine. Estimated completion Fall 2026. An outside contractor was contacted for the data plate wash temperature requirements. Estimated completion 5/15/2026
3. Mechanical Tray Warewash Area	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Water pressure for the sanitizing rinse in a mechanical warewash machine not within the range specified on the manufacturer's data plate. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.113. An outside contractor was contacted to adjust the pressure to be within specified range. Estimated completion 5/15/2026
4. Mechanical Tray Warewash Area	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Equipment: Warewashing machine not operating in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, final rinse thermometer not reading in accordance with data plate. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.15(A). An outside contractor was contacted to inspect the temperature gauge and make adjustments as need to be within the specified range. Estimated completion 5/15/2026
5. Mechanical Tray Warewash Area	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Premises not maintained free of insects, flies observed. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.111. Drain fly enzymatic solution dumped into drain by facility staff. Completed 3/27/2026.
6. 3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty (Pf), metal lids for roasting pans stored on drying racks dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-601.11(A). **Corrected on Site**
7. 3-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Premises not maintained free of insects, flies observed. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.111. Drain fly enzymatic solution dumped into drain by facility staff. Completed 3/27/2026.
8. Walk-In Refrigerator # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, strong odor present in cooler. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). **Corrected on Site**
9. Walk-In Refrigerator # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, spilled milk on floor. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). **Corrected on Site**

10. Freezer # 2	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, floorboards warped and uneven throughout freezer. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.11. Contracted vendor is getting quotes for floor replacement. Estimated completion date Fall 2026
11. Freezer # 2	105 CMR 451.200	Sources, Specifications; Specifications for Receiving: Food packages not in good condition (Pf), top of frozen chicken boxes appeared water damaged and dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-202.15. Damaged and dirty boxes and the contents were discarded by contracted vendor. Completed 3/20/2026
12. Walk-In Cooler # 3	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), deli meat recorded at 48°F. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-501.16(A)(2). Deli meat was removed from service by contracted vendor. Contracted vendor also instituted a new serving policy in regard to storing and serving deli meat including icing the bottom of serving line trays and ensuring that the meat is in the line trays and not on racks. Completed 3/20/2026
13. Walk-In Cooler # 3	105 CMR 451.200	Preventing Contamination from the Premises; Food Storage: Food not stored in a clean, dry location, condensation from plastic bag dripping onto cooling corn bread. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-305.11(A)(1). **Corrected on Site**
14. Pull Cage	105 CMR 451.200	Protection from Contamination After Receiving, Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Food or food ingredients that have been removed from original packages not labeled with common name of food, several spice containers missing label. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-302.12. **Corrected on Site**
15. Kettle Hood Area	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Non-functional equipment not repaired or removed from premises, kettle # 3 out-of-order. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.114(A). The facility and contracted vendor are in negotiations to purchase a new kettle. Estimated completion Fall 2026.
16. Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-Service Items not stored at least 6 inches above the floor, disposable cups/bowls stored on floor. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-903.11(A)(3). **Corrected on Site**
17. 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), deli meats recorded at 48°F. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-501.16(A)(2). Deli meat was removed from service line by contracted vendor. Contracted vendor also instituted a new serving policy in regard to serving deli meat including icing the bottom of serving line trays and ensuring that the meat is in the line trays and not on racks. Completed 3/20/2026

18. Serving Line		105 CMR 451.200	Hands and Arms: Insufficient hand washing, after touching exposed portion of one's body (Pf), inmates not washing hands and changing gloves after putting beard guards on. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 2-301.14(A). Contracted vendor and facility staff instructed all inmate kitchen workers on the proper procedure for putting on beard nets and washing hands and putting on new gloves after putting on the beard nets. Completed 3/20/2026
19. Aramark Office		105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-Service Items not stored at least 6 inches above the floor, cups stored on ground. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-903.11(A)(3). **Corrected on Site**
20. Hallway	Inmate Break Room	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Interior of microwave oven not cleaned every 24 hours, interior of microwave oven dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.12(B). **Corrected on Site**
21. Hallway	Loading Dock	105 CMR 451.200*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Outer openings not protected against the entry of insects and rodents, loading dock door not tight-fitting. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-202.15(A)(3). Facility maintenance staff has ordered a new weather strip seal for the bottom of the door. Estimated completion 5/15/2026
22. Hallway	Loading Dock	105 CMR 451.200	Refuse, Recyclables, and Returnables; Facilities on Premises: Outdoor storage surface constructed of absorbent materials, not smooth or sloped to drain, pavement surrounding dumpster damaged resulting in standing water. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 5-501.11. Facility maintenance staff is going to level off the indentations in the pavement left by the rollers of the old dumpster. Estimated completion 5/29/2026
23. Hallway	Back Cage	105 CMR 451.200	Location and Placement; Distressed Merchandise: Dented cans not properly segregated (Pf). Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-404.11. **Corrected on Site**
24. Hallway	Inmate Bathroom # 1029	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink slow to drain Sink was snaked by facility plumber and operates appropriately. Completed 3/23/2026

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1. Loading Dock		105 CMR 451.370	Garbage Storage: Garbage stored in an unsanitary condition, excessive debris and standing water around new dumpster Dumpster was removed for emptying on 3/24/2026. On that date the entire area where the dumpster was was cleaned by inmate workers. Facility staff have implemented cleaning around the dumpster every time it is removed to be emptied.
2. Inmate Dining Room		105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior stairs leading to Inmate Dining Room damaged The facility will be sending out for bid a contract to fix all the deficient concrete stairs/ramps. Expected completion date Fall 2026

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

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

1.	R5 # 2014	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Pillow damaged at bed # 6 Pillow was removed and replaced with a new pillow by facility staff. Completed 4/10/2026
2.	R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling left unfinished Ceiling scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion August 2026
3.	R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Trim around shower damaged Trim scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion August 2026
4.	R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Shower door frame rusted Door frame is scheduled to be sanded and painted by facility maintenance. Estimated completion August 2026.
5.	R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.124	Water Supply: Insufficient hot water supply in quantity and pressure at handwash sink Water pressure adjusted by facility plumber. Completed 3/23/2026
6.	R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower Shower walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
7.	R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on shower curtain Shower curtain cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
8.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Door frame rotted Door frame is scheduled to be patched and painted by facility maintenance. Estimated completion August 2026.
9.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls damaged Wall is scheduled to be sanded and painted by facility maintenance. Estimated completion August 2026.
10.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling left unfinished Ceiling is scheduled to be sanded and painted by facility maintenance. Estimated completion August 2026.
11.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Shower door frame rusted in shower Door frame is scheduled to be sanded and painted by facility maintenance. Estimated completion August 2026.
12.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Door to bathroom rusted Door is scheduled to be sanded and painted by facility maintenance. Estimated completion August 2026.
13.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.124	Water Supply: Insufficient hot water supply in quantity and pressure at handwash sink Water pressure adjusted by facility plumber. Completed 3/23/2026
14.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower Shower walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
15.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on shower curtain Shower curtain replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/22/2026
16.	R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty Ceiling vent cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	I1-Isolation Room # 2005	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged Tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026
2.	I1-Isolation Room # 2005	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall joints/connectors damaged near toilet Wall joints are scheduled to be sanded and painted by facility maintenance. Estimated

completion August 2026.

3.	I2-Isolation Room # 2006	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged Tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026
4.	Exam Room # 2041	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Countertop damaged Countertop scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/15/2026
5.	Medication Administration/Storage Room # 2038	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Countertop damaged Countertop scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/15/2026
6.	Safe Keep Room # 2007	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged Wall scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/15/2026
7.	R1 # 2009	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
8.	R1 # 2009	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dusty Wall vent cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
9.	R2 # 2010	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
10.	R2 # 2010	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged Wall is scheduled to be repaired by facility maintenance. Estimated completion August 2026.
11.	R5 # 2014	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall joint/connector damaged Wall joints are scheduled to be repaired by facility maintenance. Estimated completion August 2026.
12.	R6 # 2015	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall joint/connector damaged Wall joints are scheduled to be repaired by facility maintenance. Estimated completion August 2026.
13.	R6 # 2015	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty Ceiling vent cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026

240 Building (J)

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

30 new deficiencies and 30 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not fire-retardant in cell # 512 Blanket was removed from service and replaced with a fire-retardant medical blanket by facility staff. Completed 4/13/2026
2.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Insufficient pillow available for inmate in cell # 509, 527, and 541 New pillows were given to inmates by facility staff. Completed 4/10/2026
3.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 528, 547, and 558 Mattresses were removed from service and replaced with a new one by facility staff. Completed 3/22/2026
4.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9 Shower walls were painted by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
5.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 7 Shower wall was painted by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
6.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Pooling water on floor outside showers Pooling water was squeegeed into floor drain by inmate

			workers. Completed 3/20/2026
7. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 6 and 8 Shower walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/20/2026
8. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 7 and 9 Shower walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/20/2026
9. A Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged Shower wall was painted by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
10. B Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty Microwave cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
11. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 633 Mattress was removed from service and replaced with a new one by facility staff. Completed 3/22/2026
12. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not available for inmate in cell # 607, 627, 632, and 636 Blankets were given to inmates by facility staff. Completed 3/20/2026
13. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not fire-retardant in cell # 602, 635, and 647 Blankets were removed from service and replaced with a fire retardant medical blanket by facility staff. Completed 4/13/2026
14. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1 and 9 Shower walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
15. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 1-9 Shower walls painted by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
16. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in shower # 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 Shower floors painted by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
17. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Insufficient pillow available for inmates in cell block, most inmates missing pillows New pillows were given to inmates by facility staff. Completed 4/10/2026
18. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not fire-retardant in cell # 703 Blanket was removed from service and replaced with a fire-retardant medical blanket by facility staff. Completed 4/13/2026
19. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 733 Mattress was removed from service and replaced with a new one by facility staff. Completed 3/22/2026
20. C Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor cracked outside showers Due to the large cost and current budget constraints, the floor is being scheduled for repair in sections. Estimated completion Fall 2026. In the interim period to ensure safety of staff and inmates, we have instituted that after every shower use, a squeegee is used to push the water away from the cracked flooring and into the shower drains. Wet Floor signs are then placed until the floor is dry. The floor is mopped throughout the day with Quat 64 Lemon, which is a disinfectant.
21. C Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling cracked in shower # 4 Ceiling scheduled

			for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion June 2026
22. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not available for inmate in cell # 843 Blanket was given to inmates by facility staff. Completed 3/20/2026
23. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 814, 831, and 850 Mattresses wereremoved from service and replaced with a new one by facility staff. Completed 3/22/2026
24. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Insufficient pillows available for inmates in cell block, most inmates missing pillows New pillows were given to inmates that didn't have them by facility staff. Completed 4/10/2026
25. D Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor damaged throughout Shower Area Due to the large cost and current budget constraints, the floor is being scheduled for repair in sections. Estimated completion Fall 2026. In the interim perioe to ensure safety of staff and inmates, we have instituted that after every shower use, a squeegee is used to push the water away from the cracked flooring and into the shower drains. Wet Floor signs are then placed until the floor is dry. The floor is mopped throughout the day with Quat 64 Lemon, which is a disinfectant.
26. D Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Water leaking from shower # 1 into shower # 2 Water leakage is scheduled for repair by facility plumber. Estimated completion 5/15/2026

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Entrance		105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Entrance door not rodent and weathertight Entrance door scheduled to have new weather strip installed by facility maintenance. Estimated completion June 2026
2. A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged Ceiling tiles scheduled for painting/replacing by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026
3. A Block	Upper Storage Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor drain uncapped, hole in floor Hole is scheduled to be capped by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026
4. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles missing in cell # 649 Tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026
5. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 605 Wall painted by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
6. C Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty Ceiling vents scheduled for cleaning by facility maintenance. Estimated completion June 2026
7. C Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Bird droppings observed on ceiling mounted mirrors Mirrors scheduled for cleaning by facility maintenance. Estimated completion June 2026
8. D Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Birds observed An aggressive humane bird catching program was instituted. Hopeful estimated completion

				date of Summer 2026
9.	D Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Bird droppings observed on ceiling mounted mirror Mirror scheduled for cleaning by facility maintenance. Estimated completion June 2026
10.	D Block	Upper Storage Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor drain uncapped, hole in floor Hole is scheduled to be capped by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026

Program Building (K)

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

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1.	Lower Programs	Teacher's Break Room # 1014	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty Microwave was cleaned by facility staff. Completed 3/20/2026
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Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Lower Programs	Exterior Hallway Door	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Exterior entrance door not rodent and weathertight, weather-stripping damaged Entrance door scheduled to have new weather strip installed by facility maintenance. Estimated completion June 2026
2. Upper Programs	Slop Sink # 1278	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket Mop was removed from inside the bucket and placed on the hook above the sink by facility staff. Completed 3/23/2026
3. Upper Programs	Offices	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged in office # 2011 and 2031 Tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026
4. Upper Programs	Offices	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged in office # 2030 Tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026

Vocational Education Building

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

17 new deficiencies were found during the inspection.

1. Voke 1	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2 Shower walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
2. Voke 1	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 2 Shower floors cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
3. Voke 2	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5 and 6 Shower walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
4. Voke 2	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5 and 6 Shower floors cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
5. Voke 4	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.117	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty in stall # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Toilets cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
6. Voke 4	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 5, 6, and 7 out-of-order Sinks were inspected by facility plumber and repair parts were ordered. Estimated completion June 2026
7. Voke 4	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Handwash sink # 2, 3, and 4 dirty Sinks cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

7 new deficiencies were found during the inspection.

1. Voke 1	Sleeping Area	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Gap between wall and floor next to Emergency Exit door frame, area not rodent and Weathertight Area was inspected by facility maintenance staff and supplies were ordered. Estimated completion June 2026
2. Voke Hallway	Warehouse # 0911	105 CMR 451.346	Safe Wiring: Inappropriate use of temporary wiring, wire going through window Facility electrician removed the wiring. Completed 4/9/2026

3.	Voke Hallway	Warehouse # 0911	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and Weathertight Exterior door scheduled to have new weather strip installed by facility maintenance. Estimated completion June 2026
4.	Voke Hallway	Storage # 0919	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Red Emergency Door not rodent and weathertight Emergency door scheduled to have new weather strip installed by facility maintenance. Estimated completion June 2026
5.	Second Floor	M.A.P. Area Exam Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained Ceiling tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026
6.	Voke 3	Sleeping Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Hole in wall near bunk # 34 Hole in wall scheduled for patching by facility maintenance. Estimated completion June 2026
7.	Voke 4	Bathroom	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Countertop damaged outside bathroom area The entire counter and countertop sections are scheduled for removal by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026

120 Building (F)

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

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

1.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 112, 154, and 160 Mattresses were removed from service and replaced with a new one by facility staff. Completed 3/22/2026
2.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, excessive cold water pressure at handwash sink in cell # 112 Water pressure was turned down by facility plumber. Completed 3/23/2026
3.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 70°F at handwash sink in cell # 112 Hot water supply was adjusted by facility plumber to 115 degrees. Completed 3/23/2026
4.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Linens dirty in cell # 137 Linens were removed from service and replaced with clean ones by facility staff. Completed 3/22/2026
5.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Insufficient pillow available for inmates in cell # 113, 117, 136, 137, 143, 144, 148, 151, and 154 New pillows were given to all inmates who didn't have one by facility staff. Completed 4/10/2026
6.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Pooling water on floor outside showers water was squeegeed into floor drain by inmate workers. Completed 3/18/2026
7.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 6 out-of-order The facility plumber is awaiting on repair parts to fix the shower. Estimated completion 4/24/2026
8.	A Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty Floor was cleaned by facility staff. Completed 3/20/2026
9.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not fire-retardant in cell # 213 Blanket was removed from service and replaced with a fire-retardant medical blanket by facility staff. Completed 4/13/2026
10.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 231 Mattress was removed from service and replaced with a new one by facility staff. Completed 3/22/2026
11.	B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Debris on floor in shower # 6 Shower floor picked up by facility staff. Completed 3/22/2026

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360*	Protective Measures: Birds observed An aggressive humane bird catching program was instituted. Hopeful estimated completion date of Summer 2026
2.	A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Bird droppings observed on railing of upper tier landing Railing cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
3.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall dirty in cell # 120 Shower walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
4.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Step to upper bunk broken in cell # 106 Step removed by facility maintenance and a replacement

step has been ordered. Estimated completed June 2026

5.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 151 Wall painted by facility staff. Completed 3/29/2026
6.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 102, 104, 119, 125, 126, 141, 144, 147, and 157 Vents unblocked by inmates and/or facility staff. Completed 3/20/2026
7.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 112 wall scheduled for repair by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026
8.	B Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged Ceiling tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion June 2026
9.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 225 Wall painted by facility staff. Completed 3/29/2026
10.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 237, 242, and 246 Wall painted by facility staff. Completed 3/29/2026
11.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 215, 224, 229, 237, and 258 Vents unblocked by inmates. Completed 3/20/2026

60 Building (G)

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

4 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Cell Block	Lower Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1 and 2 Shower walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
2.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall dirty outside shower # 5 and 9 Shower wall cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	Entrance		105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Exterior siding damaged Siding scheduled for repair by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion Fall 2026
2.	Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall vents rusted/corroded in cell # 302 and 320 Wall vent scheduled for scraping and repainting by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion 5/15/2026
3.	Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 323 Wall painted by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
4.	Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 348 and 349 Ceiling painted by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026

80 Building (H)

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

9 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of ice machine dirty Ice machine cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/20/2026
2.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1 and 2 Shower floors cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
3.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 4, 5, and 6 Shower walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
4.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5 and 6 Shower walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
5.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty Ceiling vent cleaned by facility staff. Completed 3/20/2026

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	Lower 80 – First Floor	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Fan dusty Fan cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026
2.	Lower 80 – First Floor	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: One chair damaged Chair removed from service by facility staff and replaced with a non-damaged chair. Completed 3/27/2026
3.	Upper 80 – Second Floor	Slop Sink Room (near bathroom)	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty Ceiling vent cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/22/2026

Gym Building (I)

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1.	Exterior		105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior siding damaged Siding scheduled for repair by facility maintenance staff. Estimated completion Fall 2026
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Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)

4 new deficiencies were found during the inspection.

1.	Warehouse	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, excessive ice buildup in white freezer White freezer was defrosted completely and cleaned by facility staff. Completed 3/27/2026
2.	Warehouse	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of white freezer dirty White freezer was defrosted completely and cleaned by facility staff. Completed 3/27/2026
3.	Garage	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of black refrigerator dirty Black refrigerator was cleaned by facility staff. Completed 3/27/2026
4.	Garage	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in black refrigerator Thermometer places inside of refrigerator. Completed 3/27/2026

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection.

1.	Warehouse	Slop Sink Room # 1004	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/20/2026
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Deficiencies under 105 CMR 451.402(B) (other conditions that may constitute a threat to health or safety)

2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Warehouse	105 CMR 451.402(B)	Storage: Storage area did not have prominent signage, no biohazard signage within Warehouse where biohazard storage box observed. Standard found in 105 CMR 480.100(C)(1). An old biohazard box was used to store non-biohazard items. The biohazard box was removed, and the contents were placed inside another box. Completed 3/27/2026
2.	Warehouse	105 CMR 451.402(B)	Storage: Storage area not designed or equipped to prevent unauthorized access, biohazard box left unsecured on top left storage shelf. Standard found in 105 CMR 480.100(C)(2). An old biohazard box was used to store non-biohazard items. The biohazard box was removed and the contents were placed inside another box. Completed 3/27/2026

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRIS inspected 221 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRIS did not inspect

EHRIS did not inspect 16 areas of the facility because they were either in use, locked, or under repair.

1.	ISB Building	Visitor Area	Storage # 1001A	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
2.	ISB Building	Visitor Area	Storage Room # 1001B	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
3.	ISB Building	Records Hallway	Office # 1004	Unable to Inspect – Locked

4. Holding Unit Hallway # 1017	New Interview Room Hallway	Interview Room # 6-12	Unable to Inspect Room # 12 – In Use
5. Holding Unit Hallway # 1017	Holding Unit # 1022	Shower Area	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
6. Health Services Unit (H.S.U.)	Back Hallway	Staff Bathroom	Unable to Inspect – In Use
7. 240 Building (J)	C Block	Shower Area	Unable to Inspect Shower # 1 and 9 – In Use
8. Program Building (K)	Upper Programs	Bathroom # 1277	Unable to Inspect – Locked
9. Vocational Education Building	First Floor	Storage Closet	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
10. Vocational Education Building	Voke 1	Office	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
11. Vocational Education Building	Voke 2	Offices	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
12. Vocational Education Building	Voke Hallway	Storage Room	Unable to Inspect – Locked
13. Vocational Education Building	Voke 4	Shower Area	Unable to Inspect – Not Used
14. 60 Building (G)	Cell Block	Lower Shower Area	Unable to Inspect Shower # 4 – In Use
15. 60 Building (G)	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	Unable to Inspect Shower # 8 – In Use

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 4: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 767 at the time of inspection.
2. Voke 1, 2, 3, and 4 were unoccupied at the time of inspection.
3. During the kitchen inspection the EHRS recommended:
 - a. Increasing the frequency of mop head cleaning or replacement; and
 - b. Including a space for the initials of the individual taking the temperature and an area to record the time of temperature checks on food temperature logs.
4. On January 6, 2026, the facility experienced an emergency power outage affecting numerous cell blocks. While repairs were underway, inmates were temporarily moved to Middlesex County Jail and House of Corrections with their mattresses, pillows, and linens. When inmates returned to Essex County, there was an insufficient inventory of available pillows and blankets. Facility staff stated replacement orders have already been placed and awaiting delivery. The EHRS recommends staff conduct an inventory of inmate supplies to ensure each inmate is provided with a mattress, pillow, linens, and a fire retardant blanket.

5. The EHRS recommended caulking the gap between the wall and handwash sink countertop in the Voke 1 Bathroom.

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:

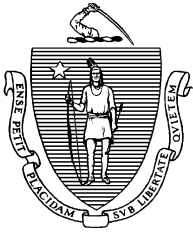
- [105 CMR 205.000](#): Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities
- [105 CMR 480.000](#): Minimum requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste
- [105 CMR 500.000](#): Good Manufacturing Practices for Food

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kerry Wagner". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Kerry Wagner, MPH
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May 4, 2026

Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
Essex County Sheriff's Department
Headquarters 20 Manning Avenue
Middleton, MA 01949 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection - Essex County Correctional Facility, Middleton

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

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 18 and 20, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kerry Wagner".

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

cc: Aaron Eastman, Superintendent
Lieutenant Steve Wilkins, EHSO

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