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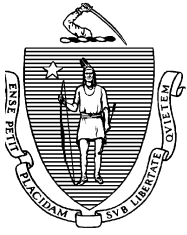
Greetings,

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

Sincerely,

Hannah LeBeau
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

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May 20, 2026

Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department
20 Bradston Street
Boston, MA 02118 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Suffolk County Jail, Boston

Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Suffolk County Jail on April 30, 2026, accompanied by Sergeant John Murphy, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

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Section 5 outlines observations and recommendations related to the inspection.

SECTION 1: Health and Safety Deficiencies**Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)**

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

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1. Entry Level	Male Bathroom		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Electric hand dryer out-of-order
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3. Floor 6.5	Inmate Bathroom # 6506		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Insect observed
4. 6th Floor	Unit 6-1A	Kitchenette	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty
1. 6th Floor	Unit 6-1A	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
2. 6th Floor	Unit 6-1A	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling dirty
3. 6th Floor	Unit 6-1	Shower # 617 – Bottom Tier, Left Side	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, drain cover damaged
4. 6th Floor	Unit 6-1	Shower # 617 – Bottom Tier, Left Side	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Light shield rusted
5. 6th Floor	Unit 6-1	Shower # 617 – Bottom Tier, Left Side	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Sprinkler shroud rusted
6. 6th Floor	Unit 6-1	Shower # 617 – Bottom Tier, Left Side	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling dirty
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8. 6th Floor	Unit 6-1	Shower # 711 - Top Tier, Left Side	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Door paint damaged
9. 6th Floor	Unit 6-2 BPD Booking	Shower # 722	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
10. 5th Floor	Medical Housing Unit	Shower # 55C	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling dirty
11. 5th Floor	Psychiatric Housing Unit # 5552	Shower # 55A	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling dirty
12. 4th Floor	Unit 4-1	Shower # 41I	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
13. 4th Floor	Unit 4-1	Shower # 41J	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
14. 4th Floor	Unit 4-1	Shower # 41H (near cell # 27)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
15. 4th Floor	Unit 4-1	Shower # 41G (near cell # 10)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
16. 4th Floor	Unit 4-1	Shower # 41G (near cell # 10)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Objectionable odor observed

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17. 4th Floor	Unit 4-1	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 11 and 18
18. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2	Shower # 42D	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Sprinkler shroud rusted
19. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2	Shower # 42D	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
20. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2	Shower # 42E (near cell # 15)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty
21. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2	Shower # 42E (near cell # 15)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty
22. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2	Shower # 42E (near cell # 15)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, drain cover missing
23. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2	Shower # 42H (near cell # 34)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Dead drain flies observed on ceiling
24. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2	Shower # 42H (near cell # 34)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
25. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2	Shower # 42G	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty
26. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2	Shower # 42I (near cell # 32)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Debris in drain
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32. 2nd Floor	Unit 2-1	Shower # 21F (near cell # 11)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Debris in drain
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38. Entry Level (Inside)	Staff Cafeteria # 1066		105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, gaskets dirty on refrigerator near vending machine
39. Ground Level	Staff Bathroom # G46		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Objectionable odor observed
40. Food Service	Handwash Sink		105 CMR 451.200	Plumbing System; Operation and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, insufficient water pressure at handwash sink. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 5-205.15(B).

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42. Food Service	3-Compartment Sink		105 CMR 451.200	Plumbing System; Design, Construction, and Installation: Air gap missing between water supply inlet and the flood level rim of the sink, sanitizer dispensing hose laying in sink (Pf). Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 5-202.13.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

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1. 6th Floor	Staff Bathroom 6-1 & 6-2		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Area around ceiling vent dusty
2. 6th Floor	Unit 6-1A	Kitchenette	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Rodent droppings observed
3. 5th Floor	Psychiatric Housing Unit # 5552	Kitchenette	105 CMR 451.360*	Protective Measures: Rodent droppings observed
4. 4th Floor	Unit 4-1	Kitchenette	105 CMR 451.360*	Protective Measures: Rodent droppings observed
5. 4th Floor	Unit 4-1	Slop Sink Room # 41N	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Rodent droppings observed
6. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing throughout
7. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling dirty outside of cell # 6 and 10
8. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Paint damaged on beam near top tier
9. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling dirty in cell # 28
10. 2nd Floor	Unit 2-1	Kitchenette	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Electric hand dryer out-of-order
11. 2nd Floor	Unit 2-2	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty near cell # 17
12. Ground Level	Loading Dock # G26		105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight
13. Ground Level	Garbage Room # G37		105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRIS inspected 191 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance

SECTION 3: Areas EHRIS did not Inspect

EHRIS did not inspect 11 areas of the facility because they were either in use, locked, or under construction.

Area	Sub Area # 1	Sub Area # 2	Description of Deficiency
1. 6th Floor	Control 6-3 & 6-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
2. 6th Floor	Unit 6-3		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
3. 6th Floor	Unit 6-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

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4. 4th Floor	Control 4-3 & 4-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
5. 4th Floor	Unit 4-3		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
6. 4th Floor	Unit 4-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
7. Floor 3.5	Education	Bathroom # 3520	Unable to Inspect – In Use
8. 2nd Floor	Control 2-3 & 2-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
9. 2nd Floor	Unit 2-3		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
10. 2nd Floor	Unit 2-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
11. Ground Level	Canteen # G10		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

SECTION 4: Plan of Correction

This facility does not comply with the Department’s regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please submit a plan of correction within 10 working days of receipt of this notice which includes:

1. Specific corrective steps to be taken
2. A timetable for the corrective actions for larger projects
3. The date by which correction will be achieved
4. Any interim measures being implemented to ensure the health and safety of incarcerated individuals and facility staff
5. 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 133 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of the inspection, the facility was undergoing a major plumbing project. Housing Units 6-3, 6-4, 4-3, 4-4, 6-3, and 6-4 were unoccupied and under construction. The EHRS was informed that these units will be assessed for compliance prior to being reopened. The EHRS asks to be kept apprised of plans to re-open these units.

To review the specific regulatory requirements, please visit the [Massachusetts Department of Public Health Regulatory and Compliance Unit](#) and [read the minimum health and sanitation standards for correctional facilities](#) available in both PDF and RTF formats. For more specific information about the food standards, you can [download the merged food code](#).

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:

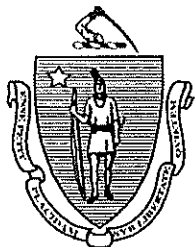
- [105 CMR 205.000](#): Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities
- [105 CMR 480.000](#): Minimum requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste
- [105 CMR 500.000](#): Good Manufacturing Practices for Food

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

Sincerely,

Hannah LeBeau

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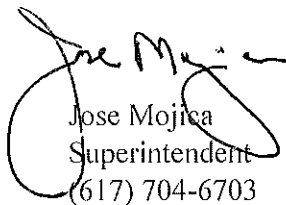
Hannah LeBeau, Environmental Health Inspector
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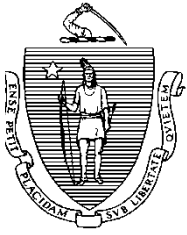
Enclosed is this Department's updated Plan of Action, produced by Lt. Brittney Carroll to correct deficiencies noted in your Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards Inspection of the Suffolk County Jail. Deficiencies were addressed with the dates they were completed.

We thank you for your commitment to helping us improve the conditions within our facility.

Sincerely,


Jose Mojica
Superintendent
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Enc. Plan of Action



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33. 2nd Floor	Unit 2-2	Shower # 22C (near slop sink room # 22D)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall dirty near shower seat Cleaned by detainee worker detail 5/05/2026
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41. Food Service	Inmate Bathroom		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent damaged Will be repaired on 6/16/2026 by the Maintenance Department
42. Food Service	3-Compartment Sink		105 CMR 451.200	Plumbing System; Design, Construction, and Installation: Air gap missing between water supply inlet and the flood level rim of the sink, sanitizer dispensing hose laying in sink (Pf). Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 5-202.13. Sanitizer hose removed from sink and mounted to the wall for dispensing and air gap 5/20/2026

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8. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Paint damaged on beam near top tier paint supply ordered (Sherwin- Williams) for resurfacing by the Maintenance Dept. Scheduled for repainting July 2026

9. 4th Floor	Unit 4-2	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling dirty in cell # 28 Cleaned by detainee work detail 5/05/2026
10. 2nd Floor	Unit 2-1	Kitchenette	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Electric hand dryer out-of-order Department Electrician Bob Jackson. Dryer ordered. Completion date 6/30/2026
11. 2nd Floor	Unit 2-2	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty near cell # 17 Cleaned by detainee work detail 5/25/2026
12. Ground Level	Loading Dock # G26		105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight Exterior Door readjusted and placed back on track for rodent and weathertight regulations 5/21/2026 by the Maintenance Department.
13. Ground Level	Garbage Room # G37		105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight New Weathertight/ rodent rubber boarding added to the bottom on the exterior door 5/21/2026 by the Maintenance Dept.

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRIS inspected 191 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance

SECTION 3: Areas EHRIS did not Inspect

EHRIS did not inspect 11 areas of the facility because they were either in use, locked, or under construction.

Area	Sub Area # 1	Sub Area # 2	Description of Deficiency
1. 6th Floor	Control 6-3 & 6-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
2. 6th Floor	Unit 6-3		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
3. 6th Floor	Unit 6-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
4. 4th Floor	Control 4-3 & 4-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
5. 4th Floor	Unit 4-3		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
6. 4th Floor	Unit 4-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
7. Floor 3.5	Education	Bathroom # 3520	Unable to Inspect – In Use
8. 2nd Floor	Control 2-3 & 2-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
9. 2nd Floor	Unit 2-3		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
10. 2nd Floor	Unit 2-4		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
11. Ground Level	Canteen # G10		Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

SECTION 4: Plan of Correction

This facility does not comply with the Department's regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please submit a plan of correction within 10 working days of receipt of this notice which includes:

1. Specific corrective steps to be taken
2. A timetable for the corrective actions for larger projects
3. The date by which correction will be achieved
4. Any interim measures being implemented to ensure the health and safety of incarcerated individuals and facility staff

5. 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 133 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of the inspection, the facility was undergoing a major plumbing project. Housing Units 6-3, 6-4, 4-3, 4-4, 6-3, and 6-4 were unoccupied and under construction. The EHRS was informed that these units will be assessed for compliance prior to being reopened. The EHRS asks to be kept apprised of plans to re-open these units.

To review the specific regulatory requirements, please visit the [Massachusetts Department of Public Health Regulatory and Compliance Unit](#) and [read the minimum health and sanitation standards for correctional facilities](#) available in both PDF and RTF formats. For more specific information about the food standards, you can [download the merged food code](#).

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:

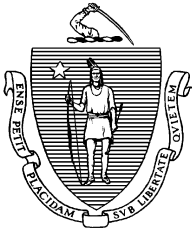
- [105 CMR 205.000](#): Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities
- [105 CMR 480.000](#): Minimum requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste
- [105 CMR 500.000](#): Good Manufacturing Practices for Food

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

Sincerely,



Hannah LeBeau
Environmental Health Officer, EHRS, BCEH



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June 22, 2026

Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department
20 Bradston Street
Boston, MA 02118 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Suffolk County Jail, Boston

Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Regulations and Standards (EHRS) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection conducted on May 30, 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 "Hannah LeBeau".

Hannah LeBeau
Environmental Health Officer, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Jose Mojica, Superintendent
Sergeant Tyler Crocker, EHSO/FSO

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