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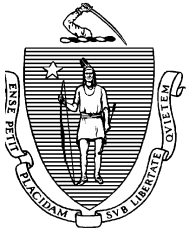
Greetings,

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas Gale
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

Cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, Commissioner, DPH (electronic copy)
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May 15, 2026

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

Re: Facility Inspection - Dukes County Jail and House of Correction, Edgartown

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Dukes County Jail and House of Correction on April 30, 2026, accompanied by Michael Trance, Captain of Standards and Compliance, and Carl Woods, Captain of Operations in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 16 total deficiencies: 5 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 1 repeat deficiency under the Required Standards, 5 new deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 5 repeat deficiencies under the Recommended Standards.

Overview

Section 1 provides details of all deficiencies, including repeat deficiencies, found during the inspection. These are categorized by Required Standards, Recommended Standards, or additional applicable regulatory standards.

Section 2 provides information on areas that EHRS found to be compliant.

Section 3 documents the areas that EHRS did not inspect.

Section 4 provides information on submitting a Plan of Correction for the identified deficiencies.

Section 5 outlines observations and recommendations related to the inspection.

SECTION 1: Health and Safety Deficiencies

Food Service Area

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

4 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Kitchen	Prep Area	105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items; Storing: Equipment and Utensils not stored covered or inverted. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-903.11(B)(2). ** Corrected On-Site **
2. Kitchen	Back Room	105 CMR 451.200	Preventing Contamination after Receiving; Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Food not appropriately covered. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-302.11(A)(4). ** Corrected On-Site **
3. Kitchen	Back Room	105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items; Storing: Equipment and Utensils not stored covered or inverted. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-903.11(B)(2). ** Corrected On-Site **
4. Kitchen	Pantry	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, rodent droppings observed. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). ** Corrected On-Site **

Pre-Release Unit

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Hallway	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
2. Hallway	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Floor damaged around floor vent

Unit # 1

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Unit # 1	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked

Unit # 2

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

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Unit # 2	Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint flaking

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Unit # 2	Hallway	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
2. Unit # 2	Day Room	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room
3. Unit # 2	Day Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracking in several areas

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

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

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Main Hallway	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

Unit # 3**Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)**

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

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Unit # 3	Hallway	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Window # 2 damaged
2. Unit # 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked

Unit # 4**Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)**

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

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Unit # 4	Hallway	105 CMR 451.344	Illumination in Habitable Areas: Light(s) not functioning properly, light out
2. Unit # 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 37 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance

SECTION 3: Areas EHRS did not Inspect

EHRS did not inspect 3 areas of the facility because it was either in use, locked, or under construction.

Area	Sub Area # 1	Description of Deficiency
1. House of Correction	Education Room	Unable to Inspect – In Use
2. Administration Area	Wellness Room Bathroom	Unable to Inspect – Out-of-order
3. Administration Area	Staff Bathroom	Unable to Inspect – Out-of-order

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

The inmate population was 14 at the time of inspection.

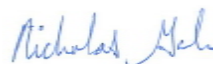
To review the specific regulatory requirements, please visit the [Massachusetts Department of Public Health Regulatory and Compliance Unit](#) and [read the minimum health and sanitation standards for correctional facilities](#) available in both PDF and RTF formats. For more specific information about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



Nicholas Gale

Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH



*Robert W. Ogden
Sheriff*

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June 3rd, 2026

Nicholas Gale
Department of Public Health
Bureau of Environmental Health
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Canton, MA 02021

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

Dear Inspector Gale,

In response to your most recent letter dated May 15th 2026 I am submitting a Plan of Correction in accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, to detail the corrective steps to be taken, to address violations that were noted but remained unaddressed, in the Plan of Correction we previously provided. Please see attached submissions addressing these violations noted in your letter.

Sincerely,

Major Jonathan Cristea
Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Operations
Dukes County Sheriff's Office
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Dukes County Sheriff's Office – HOC – Plan of Correction – 06/03/2026

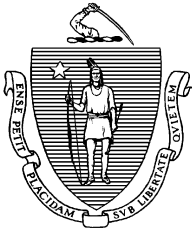
Area:	Standard:	Deficiency:	Corrective Action:	Responsible Party:	Estimated Date:
Required Standard Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)					
<i>Food Service Area:</i>					
1. Kitchen	105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items; Storing: Equipment and Utensils not stored covered or inverted. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-903.11(B)(2).	Corrected On-Site	DCSO	Completed 04/30/2026
2. Kitchen	105 CMR 451.200	Preventing Contamination after Receiving; Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Food not appropriately covered. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-302.11(A)(4).	Corrected On-Site	DCSO	Completed 04/30/2026
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4. Kitchen	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, rodent droppings observed. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).	Corrected On-Site	DCSO	Completed 04/30/2026
Required Standard Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)					
<i>Pre-Release Unit:</i>					
1. Hallway	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged /	Replace Floor Tiles	DCSO	08/01/2026
2. Hallway	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Floor damaged around floor vent	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	10/01/2026
<i>Unit-1:</i>					
Recommended Standards Deficiencies (.300 series)					
1. Unit-1	105 CMR 451.320*	Cells / Inadequate Floor Space. Double Bunked in Cell-1, Cell-2 & Cell-3 /	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	10/01/2026
<i>Unit-2:</i>					
Required Standard Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)					
1. Unit-2	105 CMR 451.123	Dorm Bathroom / Maintenance: Ceiling paint flaking/	Prep & Paint Ceiling	DCSO	08/01/2026
Recommended Standards Deficiencies (.300 series)					
1. Unit-2	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged /	Replace Floor Tiles	DCSO	08/01/2026
2. Unit-2	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room /	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	10/01/2026
3. Unit-2	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracking in several areas /	Prep & Paint Ceiling	DCSO	08/01/2026
<i>Second Floor:</i>					
Required Standard Deficiencies (.100 & .200 series)					
1. Main Hallway	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged /	Work Detail	DCSO	08/01/2026
<i>Unit-3:</i>					
Required Standard Deficiencies (.300 series)					
1. Unit-3 / Hallway	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Window #2 damaged	Replace Window	DCSO	12/01/2026
2. Unit-3 / Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	10/01/2026
<i>Unit-4:</i>					
Recommended Standards Deficiencies (.300 series)					
1. Unit-4 / Hallway	105 CMR 451.344	Illumination in Habitable Areas: Light(s) not functioning properly, light out/	Replace Lightbulb	DCSO	Completed 04/30/2026
2. Unit-4 / Cells	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked	Facility Replacement	DCAMM	10/01/2026

Submitted by: Captain Michael Trance

Approved by: Major Jonathan Cristea

Signature:  Date: 6/3/24

Signature:  Date: 6/3/26



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July 2, 2026

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

Re: Plan of Correction – Dukes County Jail and House of Correction, Edgartown

Dear Sheriff Ogden:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on April 30, 2026. After review, the EHRS finds the plan addresses all the deficiencies noted in the report with the following exception:

In regards to the issue of overcrowding, the EHRS appreciates the limitations of correctional facilities and the need to accommodate the ever-increasing population; however we remain concerned with the overcrowded conditions.

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

Sincerely,

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

Nicholas Gale
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

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