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Greetings,

Pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403, please find the inspection report for Norfolk County House of Correction and Alternative Center, 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

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July 16, 2026

Patrick McDermott, Sheriff
Norfolk County Correctional Center
200 West Street
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Dedham, MA 02027 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection - Norfolk County House of Correction and Alternative Center, Dedham

Dear Sheriff McDermott,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Norfolk County House of Correction (HOC) and Dedham Alternative Center (DAC) on June 4, 2026 accompanied by Lauren Trask, Policy and Compliance Coordinator; James Ross, Sergeant; and Ciara Shea, Intern; in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 39 total deficiencies: 26 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 6 new deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 7 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

Administration

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)
2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Male Locker Room	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 3
2. Male Locker Room	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 3

Food Service

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)
9 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Staff Dining	Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items; Preventing Contamination: Knives/Forks/Spoons not presented handle up. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-904.11(B). **** Corrected On-Site ****
2. Staff Dining	Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, microwave ovens dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). **** Corrected On-Site ****
3. Kitchen	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Wet mop stored against the wall. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.16. **** Corrected On-Site ****
4. Kitchen	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.200	Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Sinks: No hand drying method available at handwashing sink (Pf). Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-301.12. **** Corrected On-Site ****
5. Kitchen	Ovens	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, several lights not working. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.11.
6. Kitchen	Kettles	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, several lights not working. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.11.
7. Kitchen	4-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items; Drying: Cleaned, sanitized equipment and utensils not allowed to fully air dry before contact with food, trays stored wet on drying rack. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-901.11(A). **** Corrected On-Site ****
8. Kitchen	4-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Equipment: Detergent-Sanitizing agent not utilized properly. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.115.

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
9. Kitchen	4-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Equipment: Test kit not available to test sanitizing solution (Pf). Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.116.

Receiving Dock

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)
1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Dumpster Area	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, debris and trash around dumpsters. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).

House 1A

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)
4 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Orange substance on walls in shower # 5, 6, 7, and 8

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)
1 repeat deficiency (indicated by an *) was found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Cells	105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells double bunked

House 1B

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)
2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Drain flies observed in shower # 3
2. Cells	105 CMR 451.140	Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, ventilation not working properly in cell # 18

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)
1 repeat deficiency (indicated by an *) was found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Cells	105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells double bunked

House 2A

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)
3 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Kitchenette 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
2. Kitchenette Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator
3. Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Insufficient linens available for inmate in cell # 2

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)
1 repeat deficiency (indicated by an *) was found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Cells	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm cells

House 2B

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)
1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Drain flies observed in shower # 2

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)
1 repeat deficiency (indicated by an *) was found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Cells	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm cells

Special Management Housing

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)
2 new deficiency and 1 repeat deficiency (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Special Management Unit (SMU)	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 5 and 6
2. Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Cells	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm cells

4 Units

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)
3 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Unit 4B	Kitchenette Area	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, hot water not working at slop sink
2. Unit 4B	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Light out in shower # 2 and 4

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)
4 new deficiencies and 2 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Unit 4A	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 11, 12, and 13
2. Unit 4A	Cells	105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells double bunked
3. Unit 4B	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle
4. Unit 4B	Cells	105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells double bunked

Medical

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)
1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 167 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

EHRS inspected all areas of the facility.

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 plan signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

SECTION 5: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 305 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of inspection:
    a. The EHRS did not recognize the sanitizing solution used throughout the kitchen area and was informed it was being used on a temporary-basis until a new shipment of quaternary ammonium compound solution was received. The EHRS recommended all trays and cooking equipment be sanitized through the warewash machine. Additionally, the EHRS recommended researching a temporary sanitizing solution approved by the EPA for cleaning food contact surfaces and having proper testing strips to ensure a safe concentration; and
    b. The Dedham Alternative Center was closed to inmates and was not inspected.

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

An inspection may also include observations of other conditions which could constitute a threat to the health or safety of inmates or employees, including but not limited to the standards set forth by the Department as follows, and report on such pursuant to 451.402(B). You can use these links below to review these standards:

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

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas Gale
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

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July 17, 2026

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Dear Mr. Gale,

Enclosed is the Plan of Correction for the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Correctional Center and Dedham Alternative Center in response to the report that was filed for the Department of Public Health Inspection conducted on June 4, 2026.

Should you have any questions concerning this Plan of Action, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Patrick W. McDermott
Sheriff

Enclosure: DPH Plan of Correction Report

Norfolk County Sheriff's Office
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June 4, 2026 Audit

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

Administration

Male Locker Room

1. 105 CMR 451.123 — Walls dirty in shower #3

Plan of Action: Walls were cleaned on 6/4/26.

2. 105 CMR 451.123 — Floor dirty in shower #3

Plan of Action: Floor was cleaned on 6/4/26.

Food Service

Kitchen

3. 105 CMR 451.200 — Lights out above the ovens

Plan of Action: Lights above ovens will be fixed by 9/1/26.

4. 105 CMR 451.200 — Lights out above the kettles

Plan of Action: Lights above kettles will be fixed by 9/1/26.

5. 105 CMR 451.200 — Detergent – sanitizing agent is not being used properly

Plan of Action: Correct solution was ordered on 6/8/26.

6. 105 CMR 451.200 — Test kit not available to test the sanitizing solution

Plan of Action: Testing kits are now available to test the correct solution.

Receiving Dock

Dumpster area

7. 105 CMR 451.200 — Debris and trash was found around the dumpster

Plan of Action: Area around the dumpster was cleaned on 6/5/26.

House 1A

Showers

8. 105 CMR 451.123 — Orange substance on walls in showers #5, 6, 7, & 8

Plan of Action: Showers were cleaned on 6/4/26.

Cells

9. 105 CMR 451.322	Inadequate floor space, cells double bunked.
Plan of Action:	With offender population counts fluctuating, the quality of life for both staff and offenders has not been impacted. Out of cell programming and services include daily access to outside recreation helps to compensate for the cell space deficiencies that exist.

House 1B

Showers

10. 105 CMR 451.123	Drain flies observed in shower #3
Plan of Action:	Pest control company to address all shower drains biweekly and ensure no drain flies, to remedy this issue.

Cells

11. 105 CMR 451.140	Inadequate ventilation, ventilation not properly working in cell #18
Plan of Action:	Maintenance assessed ventilation issue, they are working with a HVAC contractor, estimated completion 2027.
12. 105 CMR 451.321	Inadequate floor space, four beds in cells.
Plan of Action:	With offender population counts fluctuating, the quality of life for both staff and offenders has not been impacted. Out of cell programming and services include daily access to outside recreation helps to compensate for the cell space deficiencies that exist.

House 2A

Kitchenette area

13. 105 CMR 451.200	Interior of microwave was dirty
Plan of Action:	Microwave was cleaned on 6/4/26.
14. 105 CMR 451.200	No functioning thermometer in refrigerator
Plan of Action:	Functioning thermometer was placed in refrigerator on 6/4/26.

Cells

15. 105 CMR 451.102	Insufficient linens available for inmate in cell #2
Plan of Action:	Inmate was given appropriate linens while the auditor was on site.
16. 105 CMR 451.322	Inadequate floor space, double bunked.
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Special Management Housing (SMU)

Cells (SMU)

17. 105 CMR 451.353	Wall vent blocked in cells #5 & #6
Plan of Action:	Wall vents were unblocked on 6/5/26.
18. 105 CMR 451.322	Inadequate floor space, cells triple bunked.
Plan of Action:	With offender population counts fluctuating, the quality of life for both staff and offenders has not been impacted. Out of cell programming and services include daily access to outside recreation helps to compensate for the cell space deficiencies that exist.

House 4A

Cells

19. 105 CMR 451.353	Wall vent blocked in cells #11, 12, & 13
Plan of Action:	Wall vents were unblocked on 6/5/26.
20. 105 CMR 451.321	Inadequate floor space, cells double bunked.
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House 4B

Kitchenette Area

21. 105 CMR 451.130	Hot water not working at the slop sink
Plan of Action:	Hot water will be fixed by 9/1/26.

Showers

22. 105 CMR 451.123	Light out in showers #2 & 4
Plan of Action:	Shower lights were fixed on 6/8/26.

Janitors Closet

1. 105 CMR 451.353	Unlabeled chemical bottle
Plan of Action:	Chemical bottle was labeled while auditor was on site on 6/4/26.

Cells

1. 105 CMR 451.321	Inadequate floor space, cells double bunked.

Plan of Action: With offender population counts fluctuating, the quality of life for both staff and offenders has not been impacted. Out of cell programming and services include daily access to outside recreation helps to compensate for the cell space deficiencies that exist.

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2. 105 CMR 451.123 Handicapped shower had mold on the ceiling

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July 31, 2026

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Re: Plan of Correction – Norfolk County House of Correction and Alternative Center, Dedham

Dear Sheriff McDermott:

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 June 4, 2026. After review, the EHRS finds the plan addresses all the deficiencies noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. While the EHRS understands that maintenance has assessed the ventilation issue inside House 1B in Cell # 18 and is working with a contractor to resolve the malfunction, the estimated time frame to correct appears excessive, and the EHRS would like this violation corrected within a shorter time frame.
2. 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,

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Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Frank Reynolds, Superintendent (electronic copy)
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August 12, 2026

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