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March 27, 2025

To: Shawn Jenkins, Commissioner, Department of Corrections
Kathleen E. Walsh, Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Clerk, Massachusetts House of Representatives
Clerk, Massachusetts Senate
Captain Danielle Tyer, Compliance Coordinator

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# Greetings,

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

Sincerely,

Kerry Wagner, MPH

Field Supervisor, EAIII, EHRS, BCEH

Cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, Commissioner, DPH
Terrence Reidy, Secretary, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
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Pittsfield, MA 01201 (electronic copy)

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

Dear Sheriff Bowler:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health's, Bureau of Climate and Environmental Health (BCEH) reorganized and consolidated its seven programs into six divisions. The Community Sanitation Program is now the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS). Our division continues to support correctional facilities and has added expertise for indoor air quality assessments for schools and other municipal and state facilities. EHRS also used this opportunity to revise and update the format of the correctional biannual inspection reports. This revised format clarifies new and repeat deficiencies outlined in regulation 105 CMR 451.000 and organizes deficiencies based on the 451.100, 451.200 and 451.300 series of provisions, as well as other conditions that may constitute a threat to health and safety.

Throughout this process we understand there has been a delay in receiving your inspection report and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we finalize the new report template. As you receive your reports, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Amy Riordan, MPH

Senior Advisor, EHRS, BCEH



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6. A-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4-7
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1 repeat deficiency was found during the inspection.

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			curling machine

# **SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance**

EHRS inspected 154 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

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

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To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at <a href="www.mass.gov/dph/dcs">www.mass.gov/dph/dcs</a> and click on "Correctional Facilities" <a href="105">105</a> CMR 451.000 is 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.

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

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January 15, 2025

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Yours truly,

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Shower Project Phase 1 (DCAMM # J115730-2) Start Date: 4/26/2019 Estimated Completion 4/30/24

This project was initially planned and submitted through DCAMM as an entire building project for all 8 pods. Due to the expected cost after the study, DCAMM asked if we can phase the project into "4" separate phases. After resubmission and certifying the study we have elected to start "Phase 1" with Pods E&F. Each phase will incorporate 2 housing units. The project is currently sitting at a \$1.2 million dollar cost estimate and this is in part of having Stainless Steel custom panel showers installed into existing 7 stalls per pod along with an epoxy coated Handicap Stall. Pitching of the HC stall for drainage and new ADA code compliance will also include structural and slab work. The project will also include all new mixing valves, shower controls and fixtures. Phase 1 of the project has been completed as of April 2024, we requested funding for phase 2, we are waiting to hear back from DCAMM on the status, we should hear back shortly and construction will start approximately 3 months after we receive the ISA.

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

Dear Sheriff Bowler:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) has received your Plan of Correction in response to an inspection on September 6, 2024. After review, the EHRS finds the plan addresses all the deficiencies noted in the report with the following exceptions:

- 1. The ERHS appreciates the information provided on completion dates; however we cannot accept a Plan of Correction without specific corrective steps to be taken for each deficiency noted. Please provide the specific corrective steps taken for the areas where you indicate:
  - a. CAMIS # Completed; or
  - b. Completed.
- 2. The EHRS appreciates the estimated start and completion dates for the shower project that requires *DCAMM* funding. The EHRS would also like to be informed of your facilities interim measures you have implemented to ensure the health and safety of inmates and staff in these areas.

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

Sincerely,

Kerry Wagner, MPH

Field Supervisor, EAIII, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Brad Little, Superintendent Captain Danielle Tyer, Compliance Coordinator (electronic copy) (electronic copy)



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March 4, 2025

Kerry Wagner, MPH Field Supervisor, EAIII, EHRS, BCEH Department of Public Health 67 Forest Street, Suite #100 Marlborough, MA 01752

Dear Kerry:

In compliance with your February 10, 2025 request, I am returning the Report of Conditions issued following the Department of Public Health's September 6, 2024, inspection of the Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction.

Corrective measures have been taken and are so indicated on the enclosed copies as follows:

- Health and Safety Deficiencies: CAMIS completion descriptions for items #4, #8, #11, #13, #18, #23, #29 and #31.
   Deficiencies Under Recommended Standards: CAMIS completion description for item #1.
- Shower Project Requiring DCAMM funding / Interim Measures Taken to ensure health and safety of inmates and staff: Please see Memo from Primary Captain Robert McCluskey to A.D.S. Thomas Mazzeo dated March 4, 2025.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Bowler,

Sheriff of Berkshire County

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# **MEMO**

To: Assistant Deputy Superintendent Thomas Mazzeo

From: Primary Captain Robert McCluskey

Date: March 4, 2025

Re: Corrective action for shower deficiencies.

In response to the DPH report dated January 6, 2025 regarding shower deficiencies in the housing units the facility has increased cleaning the showers twice a day, once at the end of first shift and again at the end of second shift using a new disinfecting acid bathroom cleaner (#73 shower cleaner). This process will continue in the interim until renovations of all showers within the facility are completed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McCluskey

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Department of Public Health
Bureau of Climate and Environmental Health

Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards

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March 14, 2025

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

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

# Dear Sheriff Bowler:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) has received your Plan of Correction dated March 4, 2025. After review, the EHRS finds the plan addresses all the deficiencies noted in the report with the following exceptions:

- 1. The EHRS cannot accept a Plan of Correction without specific corrective steps to be taken for each deficiency noted. Please provide the specific corrective steps taken for the areas listed below where you indicate "Completed".
  - a. No paper towels at handwash sink in the Gym Staff Bathroom # RE03; and
  - b. No functioning thermometer in refrigerator in the Laundry Office.

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

Sincerely,

Kerry Wagner, MPH

Field Supervisor, EAIII, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Brad Little, Superintendent Captain Danielle Tyer, Compliance Coordinator (electronic copy) (electronic copy)



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire County Office of the Sheriff 467 Cheshire Road Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201 413-443-7220



Daniel J. Sheridan Assistant Superintendent

March 14, 2025

Kerry Wagner, MPH Field Supervisor, EAIII, EHRS, BCEH Department of Public Health 67 Forest Street, Suite #100 Marlborough, MA 01752

# Dear Kerry:

In compliance with your March 14, 2025, I am returning the Report of Conditions issued following the Department of Public Health's September 6, 2024, inspection of the Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction, with the specific corrective measures taken for:

- a) No paper towels at handwash sink in the Gym Staff Bathroom #RE03
- b) No functioning thermometer in refrigerator in the Laundry Office.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Bowler,

Sheriff of Berkshire County

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January 6, 2025

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

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

Dear Sheriff Bowler:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction on September 6, 2024 accompanied by Captain Robert McCluskey and Lieutenant Danielle Tyer, Compliance and Safety Supervisor, in accordance with Department Regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 55 total deficiencies: 15 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 39 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, no new deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and one repeat deficiency 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**

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

15 new deficiencies and 39 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an \*) were found during the inspection:

1. A-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5 Cleaned by Pod worker by 9/10/24
2. A-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5 Cleaned by Pod worker by 9/10/24
3. A-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged DCAMM Project *See Attached
4. A-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent rusted CAMIS # 1597294 Completed by 1/14/25
5. A-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3 DCAMM Project *See Attached
6. A-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4-7 DCAMM Project *See Attached
7. B-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold observed on walls in shower # 3 Cleaned by Pod worker by 9/10/24
8. B-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent rusted in shower # 4 CAMIS # 1597294 Completed by 1/14/25
9. B-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3 DCAMM Project *See Attached
10. B-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4-7 DCAMM Project *See Attached
11. B-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, fixture leaking in shower # 5 CAMIS # 1597296 Completed by 1/13/25
12. B-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower DCAMM Project *See Attached
13. C-POD	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty CAMIS # 1597304 Completed by 1/14/25
14. C-POD	Day Room	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty Cleaned by Pod worker by 9/10/24
15. C-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3 DCAMM Project *See Attached
16. C-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4-7 DCAMM Project *See Attached
17. C-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower DCAMM Project *See Attached

18. D-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, fixture leaking in shower # 7 CAMIS # 1597296 Completed by 1/15/25
19. D-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3 DCAMM Project *See Attached
20. D-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4-7 DCAMM Project *See Attached
21. D-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5 Cleaned by Pod worker by 9/10/24
22. D-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower DCAMM Project *See Attached
23. G-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent rusted in shower # 4  CAMIS # 1597294 Completed by 1/14/25
24. G-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3 DCAMM Project *See Attached
25. G-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4 and 5 DCAMM Project *See Attached
26. G-POD	Sub Day Room Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower DCAMM Project *See Attached
27. GYM	Staff Bathroom # REO3	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink Refilled that day 9/6/2024
28. LAUNDRY	Office # LA04	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator Thermometer replaced that day 9/6/2024
29. STAFF GYM	Female Locker Room	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling damaged above shower CAMIS # 1597305 will be completed by 1/17/25
30. KITCHEN	Inmate Bathroom # FS07	105 CMR 451.200	Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Sinks: No hand drying method available at handwashing sink. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6- 301.12(A)
31. KITCHEN	Dishwashing Area	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, hot water rinse and dry gauges not working correctly. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(B) CAMIS # 1597305 will be completed by 1/17/25

# Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 repeat deficiency was found during the inspection.

1.	GYM	Weight Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Padding damaged on	
				curling machine CAMIS # 1597327 by	
				1/14/2025	

# **SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance**

EHRS inspected 154 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

#### Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

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

1. E-POD		Closed - Under Construction
2. F-POD		Closed - Under Construction
3. G-POD	Lower Showers # 1-3	Shower # 1 In-Use
4. G-POD	Upper Showers # 4-7	Shower # 6 and 7 In-Use
5. GYM	Janitor's Closet # RE04	Locked
6. LAUNDRY	Bathroom # MA05	Locked
7. MEDICAL	Storage (former Inmate Bathroom)	Locked
8. CONTROL	Key Room	Locked

### **SECTION 4: Plan of Correction**

This facility does not comply with the Department's Regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please submit a plan of correction within 10 working days of receipt of this notice. The Plan of Correction must include:

- 1. Specific corrective steps to be taken
- 2. A timetable for the corrective actions for lager 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. The plan should be 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 187 at the time of inspection.
- 2. There were 39 repeat violations of the Required Standards found during the inspection.
  - a. The repeat violations of 105 CMR 451.123 relate to the shower facilities in the Housing Pods. In your plan of correction dated March 7, 2024, it indicates that the shower facilities are part of a DCAMM renovation project and identifies an anticipated completion date of April 2024. At the time of the inspection, Housing Pods E and F were unoccupied and under construction as part of this project.
    - i. EHRS requests an updated timeline for completion of the shower renovation project.
    - ii. EHRS recommends daily cleaning of the affected showers in the interim, until renovations of all shower facilities are completed.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at <a href="www.mass.gov/dph/dcs">www.mass.gov/dph/dcs</a> and click on "Correctional Facilities" <a href="105">105</a> CMR 451.000 is 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:

- <u>105 CMR 205.000</u>: 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,

Scott Koczela

Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

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Shower Project Phase 1 (DCAMM # J115730-2) Start Date: 4/26/2019 Estimated Completion 4/30/24

This project was initially planned and submitted through DCAMM as an entire building project for all 8 pods. Due to the expected cost after the study, DCAMM asked if we can phase the project into "4" separate phases. After resubmission and certifying the study we have elected to start "Phase 1" with Pods E&F. Each phase will incorporate 2 housing units. The project is currently sitting at a \$1.2 million dollar cost estimate and this is in part of having Stainless Steel custom panel showers installed into existing 7 stalls per pod along with an epoxy coated Handicap Stall. Pitching of the HC stall for drainage and new ADA code compliance will also include structural and slab work. The project will also include all new mixing valves, shower controls and fixtures. Phase 1 of the project has been completed as of April 2024, we requested funding for phase 2, we are waiting to hear back from DCAMM on the status, we should hear back shortly and construction will start approximately 3 months after we receive the ISA.

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March 17, 2025

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

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

# Dear Sheriff Bowler:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) has received your Plan of Correction dated March 14, 2025. After review, the EHRS finds the plan addresses all the deficiencies noted in the report.

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

Sincerely,

Kerry Wagner, MPH

Field Supervisor, EAIII, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Brad Little, Superintendent

Captain Danielle Tyer, Compliance Coordinator

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