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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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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, 2025 accompanied by Lieutenant Steven Wilkins 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 259 total deficiencies: 103 deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 53 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 76 deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 27 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

Records/I.T./Visits Area

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

5 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Records Hallway	Female Staff Bathroom # 1012	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink slow to drain
2.	Records Hallway	Female Staff Bathroom # 1012	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, water discolored at handwash sink
3.	Visitor Area		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall damage near phone # 15, 21, and 22

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1.	Records Hallway	Property Room # 1013	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged
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Holding Unit Hallway

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

2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Holding Unit # 1022	Sleeping Area	105 CMR 451.104	Beds: Bed # 4 not in good repair, frame damaged
2.	New Interview Room Hallway	Staff Dining # 1041	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Accumulation of soil observed on interior surfaces of ice machine. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.11(E)(4)(b).

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1.	Holding Unit # 1022	Safe Keep Room	105 CMR 451.322	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space **Corrected On-Site**
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Food Service Area

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

15 new deficiencies and 11 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection.

1.	3-Compartment Sink		105 CMR 451.200*	Materials for Construction and Repair; Indoor Areas: Floor surface not smooth and easily cleanable, paint damaged on access panel on floor near drying rack. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-101.11(A)(1).
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2. 3-Compartment Sink		105 CMR 451.200*	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Nonfood contact surfaces of equipment not cleaned at a frequency necessary to preclude accumulation of soil residues, drying rack dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.13. **Corrected On-Site**
3. Entire Kitchen		105 CMR 451.200*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Cleanability: Floors not smooth and easily cleanable, floor damaged and stained throughout food service area. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-201.11.
4. Freezer # 2		105 CMR 451.200*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Cleanability: Floors not smooth and easily cleanable, floorboards warped and uneven throughout freezer. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-201.11.
5. Hallway	Staff Locker Room and Mop Closet # 1026	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation: Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods; Wet mop stored in bucket. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.16.
6. Hallway	Chemical Storage Closet	105 CMR 451.200*	Plumbing System; Operation and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, no cold water at slop sink. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 5-205.15(B).
7. Hallway	Inmate Bathroom # 1029	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged
8. Hallway	Loading Dock	105 CMR 451.200	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Exterior door tight-fitting, loading dock door not weather tight. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-202.15(A)(3). **Corrected On-Site**
9. Hallway	Outside Freezer	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, floor dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). **Corrected On-Site**
10. Hallway	Outside Freezer	105 CMR 451.200	Design, Construction, and Installation; Cleanability: Floors and ceiling not smooth and easily cleanable, ice buildup on floor and ceiling. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-201.11. **Corrected On-Site**
11. Hallway	Aramark Office	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Interior of microwave oven not cleaned every 24 hours, microwave dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.12(B). **Corrected On-Site**

12. Hallway	Aramark Office	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation: Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods; Ceiling tile water damaged. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.16. **Corrected On-Site**
13. Hallway	Utensil Storage Room	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty (Pf), dirty utensils observed. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-601.11(A). **Corrected On-Site**
14. Hallway	Utensil Storage Room	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty (Pf), shadow board for equipment dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-601.11(A). **Corrected On-Site**
15. Mechanical Tray Warewash Area		105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, warewash machine out-of-order. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(A).
16. 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.
17. Front Hoods and Tray Preparation Area		105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, ceiling dirty near hood. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).
18. Oven Hood Area		105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, floor dirty behind oven. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A) **Corrected On-Site**
19. Pull Cage		105 CMR 451.200	Protection from Contamination After Receiving; Preventing Contamination from Equipment, Utensils, and Linens: Utensil handle not stored above the food in the container, scoop in sugar. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-304.12(B). **Corrected On-Site**
20. Pull Cage		105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Ceiling left unfinished. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.11.

21. Officer's Room	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, chair damaged. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(A). **Corrected On-Site**
22. 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 135°F or above (P), Special Diet meals not stored in an operational hot holding unit. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-501.16(A)(1). **Corrected On-Site**
23. Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200*	Design and Construction, Functionality: Hot holding equipment not equipped with a permanently affixed temperature measuring device, thermometer broken on hot holding unit. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-204.112(B).
24. Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200*	Labeling and Identification, Working Containers: Working container of poisonous/toxic materials missing common name of material (Pf), soap used in sanitizer buckets. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 7-102.11. **Corrected On-Site**
25. Walk-In Cooler # 3	105 CMR 451.200	Preventing Contamination after Receiving; Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Food not appropriately covered, onions uncovered. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-302.11(A)(4). **Corrected On-Site**
26. Walk-In Cooler # 3	105 CMR 451.200	Preventing Contamination after Receiving; Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Raw animal food not stored separate from cooked ready-to-eat food (P), raw eggs stored over juice. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-302.11(A)(1)(b). **Corrected On-Site**

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

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

1. I1-Isolation Room # 2005	105 CMR 451.103*	Mattresses: Mattress damaged
2. Inmate Bathroom # 2002	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Baseboard damaged
3. Inmate Bathroom # 2002	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No soap at handwash sink **Corrected On-Site**

4. Inmate Bathroom # 2002	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink **Corrected On-Site**
5. Inmate Bathroom # 2002	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No trash at handwash sink **Corrected On-Site**
6. R5 # 2014	105 CMR 451.104	Beds: Bed # 3 not in good repair, frame damaged
7. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty
8. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall near toilet dirty
9. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower
10. R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty
11. R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower
12. R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower floor dirty
13. R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Dusty vent

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. I1-Isolation Room # 2005	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
2. I1-All Dorms	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate Floor space in dorm room
3. I2-Isolation Room # 2006	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty
4. I2-Isolation Room # 2006	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty
5. R1 # 2009	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty
6. R1 # 2009	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty
7. R6 # 2015	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Hole in wall divider

240 Building (J)

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

21 new deficiencies and 11 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 541
2. A Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty
3. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 7
4. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 8
5. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling rusted in shower # 8
6. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor rusted in shower # 7
7. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 9

8. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 4 and 7
9. A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, ice machine dirty
10. A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, scoop stored inside ice machine **Corrected On-Site**
11. B Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.130	Hot Water: Shower water temperature 90°F
12. B Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower head leaking
13. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 3
14. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 5
15. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 3 and 4
16. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in shower # 3
17. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 613
18. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Damaged sheet in cell # 645
19. C & D Control	Control Bathroom	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 90°F at handwash sink
20. C & D Control	Control Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling tile water damaged
21. C Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower #5
22. C Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling cracked above shower # 5
23. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 829, 830, and 834
24. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket damaged in cell # 833
25. D Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor damaged throughout shower area

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

14 new deficiencies and 11 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles missing outside cell # 515
2. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # 529
3. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Top of chair missing in cell # 518
4. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Water damaged wall above cell # 555 and 557

5. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell #522
6. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 617
7. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tile damaged outside cell # 626
8. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tile damaged in cell # 652
9. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 725
10. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Screens damaged in cell # 743, 745, and 760
11. C Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Birds observed
12. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 717, 731, 734, 737, and 739
13. D Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained
14. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # 817 and 854
15. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Top of chair missing in cell # 845 and 848
16. Entrance		105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Entrance door not rodent and weathertight, door unable to fully close

Program Building (K)

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Lower Programs	Exterior Hallway Door	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Exterior 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

Vocational Education Building

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

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

1. Second Floor	M.A.P. Area Exam Room	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: No hot water supplied to handwash sink
2. Second Floor	M.A.P. Area Staff bathroom	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink clogged
3. Second Floor	Staff Bathroom # 2005	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Hole in ceiling

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. First Floor	Storage Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tile missing
2. Second Floor	M.A.P. Area Exam Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged

120 Building (F)**Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)**

12 new deficiencies and 8 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not available for inmate in cell #106
2. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Debris in window in cell # 103 and 133
3. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 6 out-of-order
4. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Pooling water on floor outside all showers
5. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, excessive pressure in shower # 9
6. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 204, 216, 221, and 233
7. 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
8. B Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty
9. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1, 2, and 3
10. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Light flickering in shower # 3
11. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on wall in shower # 4, 5, 6, and 7

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

33 new deficiencies and 5 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged cell # 101, 117, 130, 152, and 160
2. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 125, 139, and 150
3. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 109, 116, 117, 118, 121, 123, 126, 127, 130, 133, 148, 149, 152, 156, and 160
4. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall water damaged near window in cell # 112

5.	A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360*	Protective Measures: Bird observed
6.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 211, 219, 225, 240, and 243
7.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 204, 235, 237, and 238
8.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # 233
9.	B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Pooling water on floor under toilet in cell # 208 and 250
10.	B Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Water damaged ceiling tile

60 Building (G)

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

16 new deficiencies and 11 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	Cell Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged
2.	Cell Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty
3.	Cell Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 95°F
4.	Cell Block	Lower Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on wall in shower # 2 and 3
5.	Cell Block	Lower Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged outside all showers
6.	Cell Block	Lower Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor rust stained outside shower # 1
7.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty outside shower # 9
8.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty outside shower # 7
9.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 7 and 8
10.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5 and 9
11.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in shower # 8 and 9
12.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty outside shower # 9
13.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty outside shower # 7
14.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 7
15.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5, 6, 8, and 9
16.	Cell Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, ice machine lid dirty

17. Cell 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
18. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 353
19. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket damaged in cell # 316
20. Control	Control Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Dusty vent

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 349
2. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 319
3. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 336, 340, 352, and 354
4. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 349

80 Building (H)

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

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

1. Dorm Room	Lower, First Floor	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in Dorm Room # 409 and 410
2. Lower 80 – First 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
3. Lower 80 – First Floor	Control Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
4. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Curtain missing in shower # 1
5. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 3 and 5
6. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 4
7. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in shower #5 and 6
8. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty throughout bathroom
9. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.126*	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 80°F at handwash sink # R1
10. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Handwash sink # L5 dirty
11. Lower 80 – First Floor	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

12. Dorm Rooms-upper	Upper, Second Floor	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket damaged in Door Room # 414
13. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Control Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
14. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower #1 and 4
15. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Curtain missing shower # 1
16. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in shower # 6
17. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged near ceiling vents and urinals
18. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in shower # 4
19. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged over toilet stalls
20. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 78°F at handwash sink

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Lower 80 – First Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorm rooms
2. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorm rooms
3. Lower 80 – First Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Baseboard missing in Dorm # 406
4. Lower 80 – First Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent blocked in Dorm Room # 402 and 409
5. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent blocked in Dorm Room # 411, 412, 414, 415, and 417
6. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.340	Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out in Dorm Room # 417 and 420
7. Lower 80 – First Floor	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged near ice machine

Gym Building (I)

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

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

1. Storage Room/Officer's Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged
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Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Entrance	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Exterior siding damaged near entrance
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Intake Building

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

3 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1. Intake Area	Holding Cells # 1 – 7	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet push button leaking when pushed in holding cell # 7
2. Intake Area	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Strong odor present from floor drain
3. Intake Area	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty **Corrected On-Site**

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

4 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1. Intake Area	Holding Cells # 1 – 7	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty in holding cell # 3, 6, and 7 **Corrected On-Site**
2. Intake Area	Handicapped Bathroom	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Caps missing at eye wash station outside of Handicapped Bathroom

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 197 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

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

1. Records/I.T./Visits Area	Records Hallway	IT Office # 1011	Unable to Inspect – Locked
2. Holding Unit Hallway # 1017	New Interview Room Hallway	Video Conference Rooms	Unable to Inspect – 1056 In Use
3. Health Services Unit	Back Hallway	Storage Room # 2038	Unable to Inspect – Locked
4. Health Services Unit	Back Hallway	Exam Room # 2032	Unable to Inspect – In Use
5. Vocational Education Building		Voke 1 (Unoccupied)	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
6. Vocational Education Building		Voke 2 (Unoccupied)	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
7. 120 Building (F)	A Block	Cells	Unable to Inspect – Cell # 157 Offline
8. 120 Building (F)	A Block	Cells	Unable to Inspect – Cell # 124 Offline
9. 120 Building (F)	B Block	Cells	Unable to Inspect – Cell # 218 Offline
10. 120 Building (F)	A Block	Cells	Unable to Inspect – Cell # 106, 124 and 157 Not Used
11. 120 Building (F)	B Block	Common Area	Unable to Inspect – Cell # 218 Not Used
12. 80 Building (H)	Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	Unable to Inspect – Shower # 7 In Use
13. 240 Building (J)	A Block	Shower Area	Unable to Inspect – Shower # 6 In Use

14. 240 Building (J)	B Block	Shower Area	Unable to Inspect – Showers # 2, 7, 8 and 9 In Use
15. Gym Building (I)		Shower Room	Unable to Inspect – Not Used
16. Intake Building	Intake Area		Unable to Inspect – In Use
17. Program Building (K)	Upper Programs	Bathroom # 1277	Unable to Inspect – 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 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. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

SECTION 4: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 758 at the time of inspection.
2. During the Kitchen Inspection:
 - a. EHRS noted detergent with no sanitizing solution within sanitizing buckets while the kitchen was actively in use. It was determined that soap was continuing to be incorrectly placed in sanitizing buckets. Sanitizing solution was provided, however, EHRS strongly recommended:
 - i. Additional kitchen staff be trained on how to properly mix the sanitizing solution;
 - ii. Kitchen staff develop a sanitizing distribution procedure to ensure sanitizing solutions of the proper concentration are distributed within the sanitizing buckets throughout the kitchen; and
 - iii. Kitchen staff develop a procedure to test the sanitizing solution when made as well as throughout each shift to ensure the proper concentrations are maintained.
 - b. The warewash machine was out-of-order and being serviced at the time of inspection. As an interim measure, the facility stated they would utilize Styrofoam trays and manually wash, rinse, and sanitize additional dishware until repairs are made.

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](#), it 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:

- [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, appearing to read 'C. Holmes', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Cory Holmes
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April 30, 2025

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Good afternoon Mr. Holmes,

This letter is in response to the plan of correction letter sent to us on April 17, 2025. 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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Aaron Eastman
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April 17, 2025

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, 2025 accompanied by Lieutenant Steven Wilkins 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 259 total deficiencies: 103 deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 53 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 76 deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 27 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

Records/I.T./Visits Area

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

5 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Records Hallway	Female Staff Bathroom # 1012	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink slow to drain Sink was snaked by facility plumber. Completed 3/20/25.
2.	Records Hallway	Female Staff Bathroom # 1012	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, water discolored at handwash sink. Sink was inspected and serviced. Water was clear. Completed 3/20/25
3.	Visitor Area		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall damage near phone # 15, 21, and 22 Wall scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1.	Records Hallway	Property Room # 1013	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged Ceiling tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
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Holding Unit Hallway

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

2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1.	Holding Unit # 1022	Sleeping Area	105 CMR 451.104	Beds: Bed # 4 not in good repair, frame damaged Bed taken out of service and removed by facility staff. Completed 3/20/25.
2.	New Interview Room Hallway	Staff Dining # 1041	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Accumulation of soil observed on interior surfaces of ice machine. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.11(E)(4)(b). Ice machine cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/20/25.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

1 new deficiency was found during the inspection:

1.	Holding Unit # 1022	Safe Keep Room	105 CMR 451.322	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space **Corrected On-Site**
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Food Service Area

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

15 new deficiencies and 11 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection.

1. 3-Compartment Sink		105 CMR 451.200*	Materials for Construction and Repair; Indoor Areas: Floor surface not smooth and easily cleanable, paint damaged on access panel on floor near drying rack. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-101.11(A)(1). Floor panel scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
2. 3-Compartment Sink		105 CMR 451.200*	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Nonfood contact surfaces of equipment not cleaned at a frequency necessary to preclude accumulation of soil residues, drying rack dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.13. **Corrected On-Site**
3. Entire Kitchen		105 CMR 451.200*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Cleanability: Floors not smooth and easily cleanable, floor damaged and stained throughout food service area. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-201.11. Due to the large cost and budget constraints, the floor is scheduled for repair section by section. Estimated completion Spring 2026.
4. Freezer # 2		105 CMR 451.200*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Cleanability: Floors not smooth and easily cleanable, floorboards warped and uneven throughout freezer. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-201.11. Floorboards scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion June 2025.
5. Hallway	Staff Locker Room and Mop Closet # 1026	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation: Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods; Wet mop stored in bucket. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.16. Mop removed from bucket and stored appropriately. Completed 3/19/25.
6. Hallway	Chemical Storage Closet	105 CMR 451.200*	Plumbing System; Operation and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, no cold water at slop sink. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 5-205.15(B). Sink was inspected and cold water service was returned to sink. Completed 3/20/25

7. Hallway	Inmate Bathroom # 1029	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged Floor scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
8. Hallway	Loading Dock	105 CMR 451.200	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Exterior door tight-fitting, loading dock door not weather tight. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-202.15(A)(3). **Corrected On-Site**
9. Hallway	Outside Freezer	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, floor dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). **Corrected On-Site**
10. Hallway	Outside Freezer	105 CMR 451.200	Design, Construction, and Installation; Cleanability: Floors and ceiling not smooth and easily cleanable, ice buildup on floor and ceiling. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-201.11. **Corrected On-Site**
11. Hallway	Aramark Office	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Interior of microwave oven not cleaned every 24 hours, microwave dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.12(B). **Corrected On-Site**
12. Hallway	Aramark Office	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation: Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods; Ceiling tile water damaged. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.16. **Corrected On-Site**
13. Hallway	Utensil Storage Room	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty (Pf), dirty utensils observed. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-601.11(A). **Corrected On-Site**
14. Hallway	Utensil Storage Room	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty (Pf), shadow board for equipment dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-601.11(A). **Corrected On-Site**
15. Mechanical Tray Warewash Area		105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, warewash machine out-of-order. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(A). Machine was serviced and repaired and brought back into service by contracted vendor. Completed 4/16/25

16. 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. Machine was serviced and repaired and brought back into service by contracted vendor. Completed 4/16/2025
17. Front Hoods and Tray Preparation Area	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, ceiling dirty near hood. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). Ceiling was cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
18. Oven Hood Area	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, floor dirty behind oven. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A) **Corrected On-Site**
19. Pull Cage	105 CMR 451.200	Protection from Contamination After Receiving; Preventing Contamination from Equipment, Utensils, and Linens: Utensil handle not stored above the food in the container, scoop in sugar. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-304.12(B). **Corrected On-Site**
20. Pull Cage	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Ceiling left unfinished. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.11. Ceiling scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
21. Officer's Room	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, chair damaged. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(A). **Corrected On-Site**
22. 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 135°F or above (P), Special Diet meals not stored in an operational hot holding unit. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-501.16(A)(1). **Corrected On-Site**

23. Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200*	Design and Construction, Functionality: Hot holding equipment not equipped with a permanently affixed temperature measuring device, thermometer broken on hot holding unit. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-204.112(B). Warmer taken out of service for repair. Awaiting parts from contracted vendor. Properly functioning backup warmer brought into service. Estimated completion mid May 2025
24. Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200*	Labeling and Identification, Working Containers: Working container of poisonous/toxic materials missing common name of material (Pf), soap used in sanitizer buckets. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 7-102.11. **Corrected On-Site**
25. Walk-In Cooler # 3	105 CMR 451.200	Preventing Contamination after Receiving; Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Food not appropriately covered, onions uncovered. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-302.11(A)(4). **Corrected On-Site**
26. Walk-In Cooler # 3	105 CMR 451.200	Preventing Contamination after Receiving; Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Raw animal food not stored separate from cooked ready-to-eat food (P), raw eggs stored over juice. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-302.11(A)(1)(b). **Corrected On-Site**

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

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

1. I1-Isolation Room # 2005	105 CMR 451.103*	Mattresses: Mattress damaged Mattress was removed from service and replaced with a new mattress. Completed 3/21/25.
2. Inmate Bathroom # 2002	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Baseboard damaged. Baseboard scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
3. Inmate Bathroom # 2002	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No soap at handwash sink **Corrected On-Site**
4. Inmate Bathroom # 2002	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink **Corrected On-Site**

5. Inmate Bathroom # 2002	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No trash at handwash sink **Corrected On-Site**
6. R5 # 2014	105 CMR 451.104	Beds: Bed # 3 not in good repair, frame damaged Bed removed from service and replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/21/25.
7. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
8. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall near toilet dirty Wall cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
9. R5 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower Showers cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
10. R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25
11. R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower Showers cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
12. R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower floor dirty Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
13. R6 Dorm Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Dusty vent Vent cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

3 new deficiencies and 4 repeat deficiencies (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 repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
2. I1-All Dorms	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate Floor space in dorm room Facility has a waiver from the DOC regarding this issue.
3. I2-Isolation Room # 2006	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty floor was cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
4. I2-Isolation Room # 2006	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty Walls were cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
5. R1 # 2009	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
6. R1 # 2009	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty Wall cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
7. R6 # 2015	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Hole in wall divider Divider scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.

240 Building (J)

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

21 new deficiencies and 11 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 541 Mattress was removed and replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
2.	A Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty Floor was cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
3.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 7 Walls were cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
4.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 8 walls were cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
5.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling rusted in shower # 8 Ceiling scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
6.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor rusted in shower # 7 Floor scheduled to to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
7.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 9 Walls scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
8.	A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 4 and 7 Wall scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
9.	A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, ice machine dirty Ice machine cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
10.	A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, scoop stored inside ice machine **Corrected On-Site**
11.	B Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.130	Hot Water: Shower water temperature 90°F Facility plumber adjusted the hot water temperature to 108 degrees. Completed 3/20/25.
12.	B Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower head leaking Shower head scheduled for repair by facility plumber. Estimated completion 5/30/25.

13. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 3 Walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
14. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 5 wall scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
15. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in shower # 3 and 4 Wall scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
16. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in shower # 3 Floor scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
17. FB Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 613 Mattress removed and replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
18. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Damaged sheet in cell # 645 Sheet removed and replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
19. C & D Control	Control Bathroom	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 90°F at handwash sink Facility plumber adjusted the hot water temperature to 115 degrees. Completed 3/20/25.
20. C & D Control	Control Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling tile water damaged Tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
21. C Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower #5 Walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
22. C Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling cracked above shower # 5 Ceiling scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
23. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 829, 830, and 834 Mattresses removed and replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
24. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket damaged in cell # 833 Blanket removed and replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
25. D Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor damaged throughout shower area Floor scheduled for repair by contracted vendor. Estimated completion winter 2025.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

14 new deficiencies and 11 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles missing outside cell # 515 Tiles scheduled to be installed by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
2. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # 529 Tiles scheduled to be repaired by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
3. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Top of chair missing in cell # 518 Chair scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
4. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Water damaged wall above cell # 555 and 557 Wall scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
5. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell #522 Vent unblocked by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
6. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 617 Wall scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
7. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tile damaged outside cell # 626 Tiles scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
8. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tile damaged in cell # 652 Tile scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
9. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 725 Wall scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
10. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Screens damaged in cell # 743, 745, and 760 screens scheduled for repair/replacement by facility maintenance. Estimated completion summer 2025.
11. C Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Birds observed Humane traps installed by facility staff. Completed 3/21/25.
12. C Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 717, 731, 734, 737, and 739 Vents unblocked by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
13. D Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained Tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.

14. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # 817 and 854 Tiles scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
15. D Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Top of chair missing in cell # 845 and 848 Chair scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
16. Entrance		105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Entrance door not rodent and weathertight, door unable to fully close Door scheduled for repair/replacement by facility maintenance. Estimated completion summer 2025.

Program Building (K)

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Lower Programs	Exterior Hallway Door	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight, weather stripping damaged Door scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
2. Upper Programs	Slop Sink # 1278	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket Mop removed from bucket and store correctly. Completed 3/19/25.
3. Upper Programs	Offices	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged in office # 2011 and 2031. Ceiling tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.

Vocational Education Building

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

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

1. Second Floor	M.A.P. Area Exam Room	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: No hot water supplied to handwash sink Facility plumber inspected and returned hot water service to sink. Completed 3/20/25.
2. Second Floor	M.A.P. Area Staff bathroom	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink clogged Facility plumber snaked sink and removed clog. Completed 3/20/25.
3. Second Floor	Staff Bathroom # 2005	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Hole in ceiling Ceiling scheduled for repair by facility

maintenance. Estimated completion
5/30/25.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. First Floor	Storage Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tile missing Ceiling tile scheduled to be installed by contracted vendor. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
2. Second Floor	M.A.P. Area Exam Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged. Tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.

120 Building (F)**Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)**

12 new deficiencies and 8 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket not available for inmate in cell #106 Inmate given blanket by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
2. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Debris in window in cell # 103 and 133 Window scheduled to be cleaned by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
3. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 6 out-of-order. Shower inspected and brought back into service by facility plumber. Completed 3/20/25.
4. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Pooling water on floor outside all showers. Water was removed by inmate worker. Completed 3/19/25.
5. A Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, excessive pressure in shower # 9 Shower was adjusted to 60 psi by facility plumber. Completed 3/20/25.
6. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 204, 216, 221, and 233 Mattress removed and replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
7. 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 3/19/20
8. B Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
9. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1, 2, and 3 Showers cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.

10. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Light flickering in shower # 3 Light inspected and corrected by facility electrician. Completed 3/20/25.
11. B Block	Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on wall in shower # 4, 5, 6, and 7 Showers cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

33 new deficiencies and 5 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged cell # 101, 117, 130, 152, and 160 Walls scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
2. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 125, 139, and 150 Vent unblocked by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
3. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 109, 116, 117, 118, 121, 123, 126, 127, 130, 133, 148, 149, 152, 156, and 160 Vent unblocked by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
4. A Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall water damaged near window in cell # 112 Wall scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
5. A Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.360*	Protective Measures: Bird observed humane bird traps installed by facility staff. Completed 3/21/25.
6. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 211, 219, 225, 240, and 243 walls scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
7. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 204, 235, 237, and 238 Vents unblocked by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
8. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # 233 Tiles scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
9. B Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Pooling water on floor under toilet in cell # 208 and 250 Water removed by inmate worker. Completed 3/19/25. Toilet inspected by facility plumber 3/20/25.3
10. B Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Water damaged ceiling tile Tile scheduled for replacement by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.

60 Building (G)

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

16 new deficiencies and 11 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	Cell Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged Floor scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
2.	Cell Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
3.	Cell Block	Handicapped Shower	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 95°F Facility plumber adjusted the hot water temperature to 108 degrees. Completed 3/20/25.
4.	Cell Block	Lower Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on wall in shower # 2 and 3 wall cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
5.	Cell Block	Lower Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged outside all showers Floor scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
6.	Cell Block	Lower Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor rust stained outside shower # 1 Floor scheduled for rust removal and to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25
7.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty outside shower # 9 Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
8.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty outside shower # 7 Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
9.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 7 and 8 Walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
10.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5 and 9 Walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
11.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in shower # 8 and 9 Floor scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
12.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty outside shower # 9 Floors cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
13.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty outside shower # 7 Floors cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
14.	Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 7 Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.

15. Cell Block	Upper Shower Area	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5, 6, 8, and 9 Floors cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
16. Cell Block	Common Area	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, ice machine lid dirty Lid cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
17. Cell 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 oven cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
18. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 353 Mattress removed and replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
19. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket damaged in cell # 316 Blanket removed and replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
20. Control	Control Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Dusty vent Vent cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 349 Ceiling scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
2. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 319 Wall scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
3. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 336, 340, 352, and 354 Vents unblocked by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
4. Cell Block	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 349 Wall scheduled to be painted by inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.

80 Building (H)

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

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

1. Dorm Room	Lower, First Floor	105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in Dorm Room # 409 and 410 Mattresses removed and replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
2. Lower 80 – First 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 3/19/25.
3. Lower 80 – First Floor	Control Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty Vent cleaned by inmate worker. Completed 3/19/25.
4. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Curtain missing in shower # 1 Curtain installed by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
5. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 3 and 5 Showers cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
6. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 4 Walls cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
7. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in shower #5 and 6 Ceiling and vents cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
8. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty throughout bathroom Vents cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
9. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.126*	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 80°F at handwash sink # R1 Temperature was adjusted to 115 degrees by facility plumber. Completed 3/20/25.
10. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Handwash sink # L5 dirty Sink cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
11. Lower 80 – First Floor	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty. Vent cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
12. Dorm Rooms-upper	Upper, Second Floor	105 CMR 451.101	Blankets: Blanket damaged in Door Room # 414 Blanket removed and replaced by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
13. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Control Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty Vents cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
14. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower #1 and 4 Floor cleaned by inmate workers. Completed 3/19/25.
15. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Curtain missing shower # 1 Curtain installed by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
16. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in shower # 6 Floor scheduled to be painted by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
17. Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged near ceiling vents and urinals Ceiling scheduled for repair and repainting by

			facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
18. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in shower # 4 Ceiling scheduled to be painted by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
19. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged over toilet stalls Ceiling scheduled to be painted by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
20. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 78°F at handwash sink temperature adjusted to 115 degrees by facility plumber. Completed 3/20/25.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Lower 80 – First Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorm rooms The Dept has a waiver on file from the DOC regarding this issue.
2. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorm rooms The Dept has a waiver on file from the DOC regarding this issue.
3. Lower 80 – First Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Baseboard missing in Dorm # 406 Baseboard scheduled for installation by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
4. Lower 80 – First Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent blocked in Dorm Room # 402 and 409 Vent unblocked by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
5. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent blocked in Dorm Room # 411, 412, 414, 415, and 417 Vents unblocked by facility staff. Completed 3/19/25.
6. Upper 80 – Second Floor	Dorm Rooms	105 CMR 451.340	Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out in Dorm Room # 417 and 420 Light scheduled to be repaired by contracted vendor. Estimated completion 5/30/25.
7. Lower 80 – First Floor	Common Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged near ice machine Tiles scheduled for repair by facility maintenance. Estimated completion 5/30/25.

Gym Building (I)

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

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

1. Storage Room/Officer's Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor paint damaged Floor scheduled to be painted by
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inmate workers. Estimated completion 5/30/25.

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1. Entrance	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Exterior siding damaged near entrance Siding scheduled to be repaired by facility maintenance. Estimated completion summer 2025.
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Intake Building

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

3 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1. Intake Area	Holding Cells # 1 – 7	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet push button leaking when pushed in holding cell # 7 Button serviced by facility plumber and fixed. Completed 3/20/25.
2. Intake Area	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Strong odor present from floor drain Drain was filled with water by facility staff and smell dissipated . completed 3/19/25.
3. Intake Area	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty **Corrected On-Site**

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

4 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

1. Intake Area	Holding Cells # 1 – 7	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty in holding cell # 3, 6, and 7 **Corrected On-Site**
2. Intake Area	Handicapped Bathroom	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Caps missing at eye wash station outside of Handicapped Bathroom Eye wash caps were ordered and awaiting arrival. Estimated completion 5/15/25.

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 197 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

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

1. Records/I.T./Visits Area	Records Hallway	IT Office # 1011	Unable to Inspect – Locked
2. Holding Unit Hallway # 1017	New Interview Room Hallway	Video Conference Rooms	Unable to Inspect – 1056 In Use

3.	Health Services Unit	Back Hallway	Storage Room # 2038	Unable to Inspect – Locked
4.	Health Services Unit	Back Hallway	Exam Room # 2032	Unable to Inspect – In Use
5.	Vocational Education Building		Voke 1 (Unoccupied)	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
6.	Vocational Education Building		Voke 2 (Unoccupied)	Unable to Inspect – Under Construction
7.	120 Building (F)	A Block	Cells	Unable to Inspect – Cell # 157 Offline
8.	120 Building (F)	A Block	Cells	Unable to Inspect – Cell # 124 Offline
9.	120 Building (F)	B Block	Cells	Unable to Inspect – Cell # 218 Offline
10.	120 Building (F)	A Block	Cells	Unable to Inspect – Cell # 106, 124 and 157 Not Used
11.	120 Building (F)	B Block	Common Area	Unable to Inspect – Cell # 218 Not Used
12.	80 Building (H)	Lower 80 – First Floor	Inmate Bathroom	Unable to Inspect – Shower # 7 In Use
13.	240 Building (J)	A Block	Shower Area	Unable to Inspect – Shower # 6 In Use
14.	240 Building (J)	B Block	Shower Area	Unable to Inspect – Showers # 2, 7, 8 and 9 In Use
15.	Gym Building (I)		Shower Room	Unable to Inspect – Not Used
16.	Intake Building	Intake Area		Unable to Inspect – In Use
17.	Program Building (K)	Upper Programs	Bathroom # 1277	Unable to Inspect – 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 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. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

SECTION 4: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 758 at the time of inspection.
2. During the Kitchen Inspection:
 - a. EHRS noted detergent with no sanitizing solution within sanitizing buckets while the kitchen was actively in use. It was determined that soap was continuing to be incorrectly placed in sanitizing buckets. Sanitizing solution was provided, however, EHRS strongly recommended:
 - i. Additional kitchen staff be trained on how to properly mix the sanitizing solution;
 - ii. Kitchen staff develop a sanitizing distribution procedure to ensure sanitizing solutions of the proper concentration are distributed within the sanitizing buckets throughout the kitchen; and
 - iii. Kitchen staff develop a procedure to test the sanitizing solution when made as well as throughout each shift to ensure the proper concentrations are maintained.
 - b. The warewash machine was out-of-order and being serviced at the time of inspection. As an interim measure, the facility stated they would utilize Styrofoam trays and manually wash, rinse, and sanitize additional dishware until repairs are made.

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](#), it 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:

- [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,



Cory Holmes
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May 5, 2025

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

Re: Plan of Correction – 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 19, 2025. After review, the EHRS finds the plan addresses all the deficiencies noted in the report.

Additionally, your Plan of Correction indicates you have an approved overcrowding waiver from the Department of Corrections (DOC) regarding floor space in cells. Please be advised that the DOC does not have the authority to issue waivers for any provisions of 105 CMR 451.000, therefore we cannot accept a waiver from the DOC as a means of remedy. 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,

Cory J. Holmes
Senior Advisor, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Aaron Eastman, Superintendent
Lieutenant Steven Wilkins, Environmental Health and Safety Officer

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