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Greetings,

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas Gale

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June 24, 2025

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

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

Dear Sheriff McDermott,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Norfolk County House of Correction (HOC) and Dedham Alternative Center (DAC) on June 10, 2025 accompanied by Patrick Harris, Accreditation Manager, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 131 total deficiencies: 54 deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 36 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 25 deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 16 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

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

54 new deficiencies and 36 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	Food Service	Staff Dining	Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Nonfood contact surfaces of equipment dirty, grill ventilation hood dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-601.11(C).
2.	Food Service	Staff Dining	Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, floor dirty under grill. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).
3.	Food Service	Staff Dining	Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Interior of microwave oven not cleaned every 24 hours. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-602.12(B).
4.	Food Service	Staff Dining	Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty (Pf), interior of Keurig dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-601.11(A).
5.	Food Service	Staff Dining	Serving Line	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, storage areas under serving line dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).
6.	Food Service	Kitchen	Warewash Machine Room	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, ceiling tile dividers rusted above warewash machine. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.11.
7.	Food Service	Kitchen	Warewash Machine Room	105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items; Drying: Cleaned, sanitized equipment and utensils not allowed to fully air dry before contact with food. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-901.11(A).
8.	Food Service	Kitchen	Janitor's Closet	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.
9.	Food Service	Kitchen	Can Opener Table	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, shelf surface damaged. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(B).

10. Food Service	Kitchen	Walk-In Freezer	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, ice build-up on ceiling and floor. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).
11. Food Service	Kitchen	4-Compartment Sink	105 CMR 451.200	Protection of Clean Items; Drying: Cleaned, sanitized equipment and utensils not allowed to fully air dry before contact with food. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-901.11(A).
12. House 1A	Showers		105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Threshold damaged in shower # 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8
13. House 1A	Showers		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Threshold damaged in shower # 6 and 7
14. House 1A	Showers		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Drain flies observed in shower # 1 and 2
15. House 1A	Showers		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in shower # 2, 3, and 4
16. House 1B	Showers		105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Threshold damaged in shower # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
17. House 2A	Kitchenette Area		105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator
18. House 2A	Kitchenette Area		105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No soap at handwash sink
19. House 2A	Showers		105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Threshold damaged in shower # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8
20. House 2A	Showers		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Threshold damaged in shower # 6
21. House 2A	Showers		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Orange staining on floor in shower # 7
22. House 2A	Showers		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Blue staining on floor in shower # 8
23. House 2B	Kitchenette Area		105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator
24. House 2B	Showers		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Threshold damaged in shower # 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
25. House 2B	Showers		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Orange staining on walls in shower # 8
26. House 2B	Showers		105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling dirty in shower # 1, 2, 7, and 8
27. House 2B	Showers		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Drain flies observed in shower # 7
28. House 2B	Showers		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 2,

29.	Program Area	Program Administrative Area	Male Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal out-of-order
30.	Program Area	Program Administrative Area	Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.124*	Water Supply: Insufficient water supply in quantity and pressure at handwash sink
31.	Special Managemen t Housing	Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Kitchenette Area	105 CMR 451.200*	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty
32.	Special Managemen t Housing	Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Orange staining on walls in shower # 1 and 3
33.	Special Managemen t Housing	Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent blocked in shower # 1, 2, and 3
34.	4 Units	Control		105 CMR 451.200*	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator
35.	4 Units	Unit 4A	Kitchenette Area	105 CMR 451.200*	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, gaskets on refrigerator dirty and damaged
36.	4 Units	Unit 4A	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Threshold damaged in shower # 1, 2, and 3
37.	4 Units	Unit 4A	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent blocked in shower # 1
38.	4 Units	Unit 4B	Kitchenette Area	105 CMR 451.110(A)*	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No soap at handwash sink
39.	4 Units	Unit 4B	Kitchenette Area	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: No hot water supplied to handwash sink
40.	4 Units	Unit 4B	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vent blocked in shower # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
41.	Medical	Female Staff Bath	nroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
42.	Medical	Inmate Bathroom	n # 1	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
43.	Medical	Male Staff Bathro	oom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
44.	Medical	Water Fountain		105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, out-of-order
45.	Medical	Handicapped Shower		105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on ceiling
46.	Intake	Offices		105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator
47.	Intake	Offices		105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

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

1.	House 1A	Cells		105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked
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2.	House 1B	Trap		105 CMR	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint
_	45			451.353*	damaged
3.	House 1B	Janitor's Closet		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored on the floor
4.	House 1B	Cells		105 CMR	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells,
				451.321*	cells double bunked
5.	House 1B	Cells		105 CMR	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked
				451.353*	in cell # 39
6.	House 1B	Cells		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked
					in cell # 11, 24, 38, 44, and 45
7.	House 2A	Trap		105 CMR	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint
				451.353*	damaged
8.	House 2A	Janitor's Closet		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Light shield
					missing
9.	House 2A	Cells		105 CMR	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells,
				451.321*	cells double bunked
10.	House 2A	Cells		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked
					in cell # 11 and 16
11.	House 2A	Cells		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Card reader
					damaged, wires exposed on wall outside
					cell # 1
12.	House 2B	Main Area		105 CMR	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles
				451.353*	damaged
13.	House 2B	Cells		105 CMR	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells,
				451.321*	cells double bunked
14.	MAT	Common Area		105 CMR	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles
	Program			451.353*	damaged in front of bathroom
<u>15.</u>	MAT	Common Area		105 CMR	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles
	Program			451.353*	damaged near officer's desk
16.	Visiting	Staff Bathroom		105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled
					chemical bottle
<u>17.</u>	Special	Special	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled
	Managemen	Management		451.353*	chemical bottle
	t Housing	Unit			
18.	Special	Special	Cells	105 CMR	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling dirty in
	Managemen	Management		451.353*	cell # 5
	t Housing	Unit		.01.000	33 3
19.	Special	Special	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling dirty in
	Managemen	Management	CCIIO	100 0000	cell # 3
	t Housing	Unit			
20.	Special	Special	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Urine odor in cell
_0.	Managemen	Management	20110	200 0 102.000	# 2 and 5
	t Housing	Unit			4/14 5
21	Special	Special	Slop Sink Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored
۷1.	Managemen	Housing Unit	Stop Sink Closet	103 CIVIN 731.333	on floor
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22. Special	Special	Cells	105 CMR	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells,
Managemen t Housing	Housing Unit		451.321*	cells triple bunked
23. Special Managemen t Housing	Special Housing Unit	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 16
24. 4 Units	Unit 4A	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 3
25. 4 Units	Unit 4A	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent blocked in cell # 15 and 20
26. 4 Units	Unit 4B	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 20
27. 4 Units	Unit 4B	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 18 and 26
28. 4 Units	Unit 4B	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling dirty around vent in cell # 18
29. Medical	Janitor's Close	t	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket
30. Medical	Medication Ro	om	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing
31. Medical	Medical Traile	-	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Wall water damaged in ADS Office
32. Medical	Medical Trailer	•	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on water damaged surfaces throughout ADS Office
33. Medical	Medical Traile	•	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Water fountain water-catch tray dirty

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 152 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

EHRS did not inspect 1 area of the facility because it was either in use, locked, or under construction.

1. N	1AT Program	Bathroom/Showers	Unable to Inspect – Not Used

SECTION 4: Plan of Correction

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

- 1. Specific corrective steps to be taken
- 2. A timetable for the corrective actions for larger projects
- 3. The date by which correction will be achieved
- 4. Any interim measures being implemented to ensure the health and safety of incarcerated individuals and facility staff
- 5. 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 331 at the time of inspection.

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 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
- <u>105 CMR 500.000</u>: Good Manufacturing Practices for Food

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

Sincerely,

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July 8, 2025

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Dear Mr. Gale,

Enclosed is the Plan of Correction for the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Correctional Center and Dedham Alternative Center in response to the report that was filed for the Department of Public Health Inspection conducted on June 10, 2025.

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

Sincerely

Patrick W. McDermo

Sheriff

Enclosure: DPH Plan of Correction Report



Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Correctional Center and Dedham Alternative Center Department of Public Health Plan of Action Report June 10, 2025 Audit

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

Food Service

Staff Dining

1. 105 CMR 451.200

Grill ventilation hood is dirty.

Plan of Action: Grill ventilation hood was serviced on 6/20/2025.

2. 105 CMR 451.200

Floor under the grill is dirty.

Plan of Action: Floor was swept and cleaned on 6/11/2025.

3. 105 CMR 451.200

Interior of microwave is dirty.

Plan of Action: Interior of microwave was cleaned on 6/11/2025.

4. 105 CMR 451.200

Interior of Keurig machine is dirty.

Plan of Action: Interior of Keurig was cleaned on 6/11/2025.

5. 105 CMR 451.200

Storage areas under the serving line are dirty.

Plan of Action: Storage areas were swept and cleaned on 6/11/2025.

Kitchen

6. 105 CMR 451.200

Ceiling tile dividers rusted above warewash machine.

Plan of Action: Ceiling tile dividers to be replaced by 07/31/2025.

7. 105 CMR 451.200

Cleaned, sanitized equipment, and utensils in warewash machine

room is unable to fully air-dry before contact with food.

Plan of Action: A plan is in place to upgrade the storage area of dishes by 12/31/2025.

8. 105 CMR 451.200

Wet mop stored in bucket within the Janitor's Closet.

Plan of Action: Wet mop storage corrected on 6/11/2025.

9. 105 CMR 451.200

The can opener table has damage to the lower shelf surface.

Plan of Action: Can opener table will be fixed by 09/17/2025.

10.105 CMR 451.200

Ice build-up on ceiling and floor of the walk-in freezer.

Plan of Action: Replacement freezer has been requested in FY26 Budget, should be replaced by 12/31/2025.

11.105 CMR 451.200

Cleaned, sanitized equipment, and utensils near 4-Compartment

Sink is unable to fully air-dry before contact with food.

Plan of Action: A plan is in place to upgrade the storage area of dishes by 12/31/25.

House 1A

Showers

12.105 CMR 451.123

Threshold damaged in shower #1, 3, 4, 5, and 8.

Plan of Action: All shower thresholds should be repaired by 12/31/2025 as there are currently two quotes in process for funding.

13.105 CMR 451.123

Threshold damaged in shower #6 and 7.

Plan of Action: All shower thresholds should be repaired by 12/31/2025 as there are currently two quotes in process for funding.

14. 105 CMR 451.123

Drain flies in shower #1 and 2.

Plan of Action: NCSO pest control vendor will begin pouring chemicals down the shower drains monthly starting July 1 to prevent flies in the future.

15.105 CMR 451.123

Mold on ceiling in shower #2, 3, and 4.

Plan of Action: Showers were cleaned on 6/12/2025. Plan in place to purchase a pressure washer to allow for thorough and regular cleaning of showers.

House 1B

Showers

16.105 CMR 451.123

Threshold damaged in shower #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Plan of Action: All shower thresholds should be repaired by 12/31/2025 as there are currently two quotes in process for funding.

House 2A

17.105 CMR 451.200

No functioning thermometer in refrigerator in kitchenette area.

Plan of Action: Functioning thermometer was added into fridge in kitchenette area on 6/11/2025.

18.105 CMR 451.110(A)

No soap at hand wash sink in kitchenette area.

Plan of Action: Soap was supplied to hand wash sink in kitchenette area on 6/11/2025.

Showers

19.105 CMR 451.123

Threshold damaged in shower #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8.

Plan of Action: All shower thresholds should be repaired by 12/31/2025 as there are currently two quotes in process for funding.

20.105 CMR 451.123

Threshold damaged in shower #6.

Plan of Action: All shower thresholds should be repaired by 12/31/2025 as there are currently two quotes in process for funding.

21.105 CMR 451.123

Orange staining on floor in shower #7.

Plan of Action: Showers were cleaned on 6/12/2025. Plan in place to purchase a pressure washer to allow for thorough and regular cleaning of showers.

22.105 CMR 451.123

Blue staining on floor in shower #8.

Plan of Action: Showers were cleaned on 6/12/2025. Plan in place to purchase a pressure washer to allow for thorough and regular cleaning of showers.

House 2B

23.105 CMR 451.200

No functioning thermometer in refrigerator in kitchenette area.

Plan of Action: Functioning thermometer was added into fridge in kitchenette area on 6/11/2025.

Showers

24, 105 CMR 451,123

Threshold damaged in shower #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Plan of Action: All shower thresholds should be repaired by 12/31/2025 as there are currently two quotes in process for funding.

25.105 CMR 451.123

Orange staining on walls in shower #8.

Plan of Action: Showers were cleaned on 6/12/2025. Plan in place to purchase a pressure washer to allow for thorough and regular cleaning of showers.

26.105 CMR 451.123

Ceiling dirty in shower #1, 2, 7, and 8.

Plan of Action: Showers were cleaned on 6/12/2025. Plan in place to purchase a pressure washer to allow for thorough and regular cleaning of showers.

27.105 CMR 451.123

Drain flies in shower #7.

Plan of Action: NCSO pest control vendor will begin pouring chemicals down the shower drains monthly starting in July 2025 to prevent flies in the future.

28.105 CMR 451.123

Floor dirty in shower #2, 3, 4, 5, and 8.

Plan of Action: Showers were cleaned on 6/12/2025. Plan in place to purchase a pressure washer to allow for thorough and regular cleaning of showers.

Programs

29.105 CMR 451.130

Urinal is out of order in the male staff bathroom.

Plan of Action: Urinal to be fixed for use by 09/17/2025.

30.105 CMR 451.124

Insufficient water supply in quantity and pressure at hand wash sink in the inmate bathroom.

Plan of Action: Plumbing in inmate bathroom to be fixed by 09/17/2025.

Special Housing Unit (SHU)

31.105 CMR 451.200

Interior of microwave is dirty in kitchenette area.

Plan of Action: Microwave was cleaned in kitchenette area on 6/11/2025.

Showers

32, 105 CMR 451, 123

Orange staining on walls in shower #1 and 3.

Plan of Action: Showers were cleaned on 6/12/2025. Plan in place to purchase a pressure washer to allow for thorough and regular cleaning of showers.

33.105 CMR 451.123

Ceiling vent blocked in shower #1, 2, and 3.

Plan of Action: Ceiling vents in showers to be cleared and unblocked by 07/31/2025.

House 4 Control

34.105 CMR 451.200

No functioning thermometer in refrigerator.

Plan of Action: Functioning thermometer was added into fridge on 6/11/2025.

House 4A

35.105 CMR 451.200

Gaskets on refrigerator in kitchenette area are dirty and damaged.

Plan of Action: Refrigerator in kitchenette area to be replaced by 09/17/2025.

Showers

36.105 CMR 451.123

Threshold damaged in shower #1, 2, and 3.

Plan of Action: All shower thresholds should be repaired by 12/31/2025 as there are currently two guotes in process for funding.

37.105 CMR 451.123

Ceiling vent blocked in shower #1.

Plan of Action: Ceiling vents in showers to be cleared and unblocked by 07/31/2025.

House 4B

38.105 CMR 451.110(A)

No soap at hand wash sink in kitchenette area.

Plan of Action: Soap was supplied to hand wash sink in kitchenette area on 6/11/2025.

39.105 CMR 451.126

No hot water supplied to hand wash sink in kitchenette area.

Plan of Action: Plumbing fixed and hot water restored to hand wash sink on 09/17/2025.

40.105 CMR 451.123

Ceiling vent blocked in shower #1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Plan of Action: Ceiling vents in showers to be cleared and unblocked by 07/31/2025.

Medical

41.105 CMR 451.123

Ceiling vent dusty in female staff bathroom.

Plan of Action: Vent dusted and cleaned on 6/12/2025.

42.105 CMR 451.123

Ceiling vent dusty in inmate bathroom #1.

Plan of Action: Vent dusted and cleaned on 6/12/2025.

43.105 CMR 451.123

Ceiling vent dusty in male staff bathroom.

Plan of Action: Vent dusted and cleaned on 6/12/2025.

44.105 CMR 451.130

Water fountain out of order and unable for use.

Plan of Action: Water fountain to be removed from wall and plumbing plugged by 09/17/2025.

Showers

45. 105 CMR 451.123

Mold on ceiling of handicapped shower.

Plan of Action: Showers were cleaned on 6/12/2025. Plan in place to purchase a pressure washer to allow for thorough and regular cleaning of showers.

Intake

46.105 CMR 451.200

No functioning thermometer in refrigerator of office.

Plan of Action: Functioning thermometer was added into fridge on 6/11/2025.

47.105 CMR 451.200

Interior of microwave in office is dirty.

Plan of Action: Microwave was cleaned on 6/11/2025.

SECTION 2: Health and Safety Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 Series)

House 1A

Cells

1. 105 CMR 451.321

Inadequate floor space in cells.

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

House 1B

2. 105 CMR 451.353

Wall paint damaged in the trap.

Plan of Action: Trap will be repainted by 8/31/2025.

3. 105 CMR 451.353

Wet moped stored on the floor in the janitor's closet.

Plan of Action: Wet mop storage corrected on 6/11/2025.

Cells

4. 105 CMR 451.321

Inadequate floor space in cells.

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

5. 105 CMR 451.353

Wall vent blocked in cell #39.

Plan of Action: Vents unblocked and cleaned on 6/12/2025. Long-term solution in place to fix AC/Heating System to prevent inmates from blocking vents when it gets too cold.

6. 105 CMR 451.353

Wall vent blocked in cell #11, 24, 38, 44, and 45.

Plan of Action: Vents unblocked and cleaned on 6/12/2025. Long-term solution in place to fix AC/Heating System to prevent inmates from blocking vents when it gets too cold.

House 2A

7. 105 CMR 451.353

Wall paint damaged in the trap.

Plan of Action: Trap will be repainted by 8/31/2025.

8. 105 CMR 451.353

Light shield missing in janitor's closet.

Plan of Action: Light shield to be replaced by 09/17/2025.

Cells

9. 105 CMR 451.321

Inadequate floor space in cells.

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

10.105 CMR 451.353

Wall vent blocked in cell #11 and 16.

Plan of Action: Vents unblocked and cleaned on 6/12/2025. Long-term solution in place to fix AC/Heating System to prevent inmates from blocking vents when it gets too cold.

11.105 CMR 451.353

Card reader damaged outside cell #1 with wires exposed.

Plan of Action: Card reader to be replaced by 07/31/2025.

House 2B

12.105 CMR 451.353

Floor tiles damaged in main area.

Plan of Action: Floor tiles to be replaced by 09/17/2025.

Cells

13.105 CMR 451.321

Inadequate floor space in cells.

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

House 3

14. 105 CMR 451.353

Floor tiles damaged in front of bathroom.

Plan of Action: Floor tiles to be replaced by 09/17/2025.

15. 105 CMR 451.353

Floor tiles damaged near officer's desk.

Plan of Action: Floor tiles to be replaced by 09/17/2025.

Visiting

16.105 CMR 451.353

Unlabeled chemical bottle in the staff bathroom.

Plan of Action: Unlabeled chemical bottle accounted for and properly labeled on 6/11/2025.

Special Management Housing (SMU)

17.105 CMR 451.353

Unlabeled chemical bottle in the janitor's closet.

Plan of Action: Unlabeled chemical bottle accounted for and properly labeled on 6/11/2025.

Cells

18.105 CMR 451.353

Ceiling dirty in cell #5.

Plan of Action: Ceiling cleaned on 6/12/2025.

19.105 CMR 451.353

Ceiling dirty in cell #3.

Plan of Action: Ceiling cleaned on 6/12/2025.

20.105 CMR 451.353

Urine odor in cell #2 and 5.

Plan of Action: Cell cleaned on 6/12/2025.

Special Housing Unit (SHU)

21.105 CMR 451.353

Wet mop stored on the floor of the slop sink closet.

Plan of Action: Wet mop storage corrected on 6/11/2025.

Cells

22.105 CMR 451.321

Inadequate floor space in cells.

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

23.105 CMR 451.353

Wall vent blocked in cell #16.

Plan of Action: Vents unblocked and cleaned on 6/12/2025. Long-term solution in place to fix AC/Heating System to prevent inmates from blocking vents when it gets too cold.

House 4A

Cells

24.105 CMR 451.353

Wall paint damaged in cell #3.

Plan of Action: All cells in NCSO facility will be repainted by 8/31/2025.

25.105 CMR 451.353

Ceiling vent blocked in cell #15 and 20.

Plan of Action: Vents unblocked and cleaned on 6/12/2025. Long-term solution in place to fix AC/Heating System to prevent inmates from blocking vents when it gets too cold.

House 4B

Cells

26.105 CMR 451.353

Wall vent blocked in cell #20.

Plan of Action: Vents unblocked and cleaned on 6/12/2025. Long-term solution in place to fix AC/Heating System to prevent inmates from blocking vents when it gets too cold.

27.105 CMR 451.353

Wall vent blocked in cell #18 and 26.

Plan of Action: Vents unblocked and cleaned on 6/12/2025. Long-term solution in place to fix AC/Heating System to prevent inmates from blocking vents when it gets too cold.

28.105 CMR 451.353

Ceiling dirty around vent in cell #18.

Plan of Action: Ceiling of cell cleaned on 6/12/2025.

Medical (HSU)

29.105 CMR 451.353

Wet mop stored in bucket in the janitor's closet.

Plan of Action: Wet mop storage corrected on 6/11/2025.

30.105 CMR 451.353

Light shield missing in the medication room.

Plan of Action: Light shield to be replaced by 09/17/2025.

Medical Trailer

31.105 CMR 451.350

Wall water damage in ADS Office.

Plan of Action: Plans to replace Medical Trailer by 12/31/2025, currently looking at the ground foundation.

32.105 CMR 451.353

Mold observed on water-damaged surfaces throughout ADS Office.

Plan of Action: Plans to replace Medical Trailer by 12/31/2025, currently looking at the ground foundation.

33.105 CMR 451.353

Water fountain water-catch tray dirty.

Plan of Action: Water fountain cleaned on 6/11/2025.



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

Dear Sheriff McDermott:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on June 10, 2025. After review, the EHRS finds the plan addresses all the deficiencies noted in the report with the following exception:

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

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas Gale

Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Michael Harris, Acting Superintendent

Sergeant David Munchbach, EHSO

Lauren Trask, Policy and Compliance Coordinator

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