



Facility Inspection Report Issued By The Minnesota Department of Corrections Pursuant to MN Statute 241.021, Subdivision 1

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INSPECTION DETAILS FOR:

Fillmore County Jail

Address: 901 Houston Street, Preston, MN 55965

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Annual **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 08/11/2020

Inspection Method: Facility tour, staff and resident interviews, employee and resident file reviews, related documentation reviews, and video footage review.

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Jamie Fenske; Sheriff John DeGeorge

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Jamie Fenske; Sheriff John DeGeorge

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Jamie Fenske; Sheriff John DeGeorge; County Coordinator Bobbie Jo Vickerman; Regional Manager Dayna Burmeister

RULE COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Rule Chapter	Requirement Type	Total Applicable	Total Compliance	Total Non Compliance	Total Compliance With Concerns	Compliance Rating	Substantial Compliance Result/Criteria
2911	Mandatory	126	125	1	0	99.21%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	103	102	1	0	99.03%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: conditional approval **Begins On:** 06/01/2020 **Ends On:** 05/31/2021 **Facility Type:** 90 Day Lockup
Placed on Biennial Status: No **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:**
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 6 hrs **Certificate Holder:** Fillmore County Sheriff's Office
Special Conditions: None.

Approved Capacity Details *Operational Capacity is calculated as a percent of Approved Capacity beds.

Bed Type	Gender	Approved Capacity	%Operating Capacity	Operational Capacity	Bed Details	Conditions
Secure	Coed	24	80	19.20	Fillmore County's 2002 closed juvenile THF area is now used for minimum custody females. February 2017 the facility was reduced to a 90 day facility.	None.

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance**Total: 1**

1. 2911.5000 POST ORDERS; FORMAL INMATE COUNT; WELL-BEING CHECKS. Subpart 5. Well-being.

A facility shall have a system providing for well-being checks of inmates. A written policy and procedure shall provide that all inmates are personally observed by a custody staff person at least once every 30 minutes. Thirty-minute checks should be staggered. If a well-being check does not occur due to an emergency, it must be documented in the jail log and have supervisory review and approval. More frequent observation is required for those inmates of a special need classification who may be harmful to themselves. Examples of inmates of a special need classification include those classified as potentially suicidal, or as mentally ill, or those experiencing withdrawal from drugs or alcohol.

Inspection Findings:

Well-being checks were found to be outside the 30 minute time frame allowed by the rule.

Corrective Actions:

Continue to train staff in the importance of well-being checks being completed within the 30 minute time frame outlined in the rule. Continue to audit these checks and document accordingly.

Response Needed By: 11/01/2020**Chapter 2911 - Essential Rules Not In Compliance****Total: 1**

1. 2911.3100 INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS. Subpart 7. Recreation plan.

The facility administrator or designee shall have a plan providing opportunities for physical exercise and recreational activities for all inmates consistent with the facility's classification and design. Class I facilities are exempt from this requirement. The plan shall include policies and procedures necessary to protect the facility's security and the welfare of inmates. Policy and procedure shall provide: A. inmates with access to recreational opportunities and equipment, including seven hours of physical exercise or recreation outside the cell and adjacent dayroom areas per week; B. recreational opportunities a minimum of five days per week; C. indoor space and equipment for active recreational activities in all Class II to Class VI facilities; D. outdoor recreational space and equipment for outdoor recreational programming in all Class VI facilities. The space and equipment shall be provided in a manner consistent with the facility's security classification; E. passive and active recreation needs and equipment for a variety of inmates consistent with the facility's classification and offenders served. As an example, activity needs of geriatric, disabled, or geriatric and disabled offenders shall be addressed; F. inmates in segregation with a minimum of one hour a day, seven days a week, of exercise outside the inmates' cells, unless security or safety considerations dictate otherwise; and G. discretionary access by inmates on segregation status to the same recreational facilities as other inmates unless security or safety considerations dictate otherwise. When inmates on segregation status are excluded from use of regular recreation facilities, the alternative area for exercise used shall be documented.

Inspection Findings:

There is no recreation area inside the facility. There is space outside when the weather is appropriate.

Corrective Actions:

Corrective action at this time would require substantial remodeling or expansion of the current facility.

Response Needed By:

INSPECTION COMMENTS

On February 1, 2017, the Fillmore County Jail was reduced to a 90 day facility.

Since that time the floors within the cell areas have been replaced and old toilets and sink fixtures were replaced with stainless steel. The showers have been modified and bars were removed that could pose a safety risk.

Physical Plant Deficiencies: The infra-structure of the Fillmore County Jail continues to show signs of significant deterioration, but the facility has taken an aggressive approach to ensure any deficiencies are addressed with maintenance staff in a timely manner.

The facility lacks adequate program space for the population. This has been an ongoing issue for many years. Coupled with lack of educational programming, the lack of space continues to be one of the more significant concerns related to the operation of the facility. Research has shown that programs, whether educational, vocational, or recreational, help to reduce negative inmate behavior, as well as helping to reduce recidivism.

The facility will be placed on biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

On August 18, 2020, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. The facility is allowed to hold a delinquent juvenile up to 6 hours, excluding weekends and holiday. There are three core requirements that are looked at during our facility review. Those core requirements are Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO), Removal of Juveniles for Adult Jail and Adult Lockups (Jail Removal), and Sight and Sound separation.

I reviewed 100 percent of the year 2019/2020 juvenile data. The findings are as follows:
I found no violations.

Jail Removal: Files and Statewide Supervision System data indicate that any children brought into the jail are removed within the 6 hour time frame allowed per the JJDP Act.

Sight and Sound Separation: The facility design and policies allow for proper sight and sound separation. Policies and the court schedule also indicate proper sight and sound separation are maintained.

The facility does not participate in any "Scared Straight" programs for any youth that are under public authority.

Report completed By: Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature: _____

Jennifer Pfeifer