

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Dallas County Jail

Date: February 8-12, 2021

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	271	.1(b)(3)	<p>Custody Reassessment/Review. A custody reassessment shall be conducted within 30 - 90 days of the Initial Custody Assessment and immediately upon any disciplinary action and/or change in legal status which would affect classification.</p> <p>While reviewing the annual classification audit documentation provided, it was noted that the required classification reassessments exceeded the required 30 to 90-day reassessment window by 3 to 23 days on multiple occasions.</p>
2	271	.1(b)(3)	<p>Custody Reassessment/Review. A custody reassessment shall be conducted within 30 - 90 days of the Initial Custody Assessment and immediately upon any disciplinary action and/or change in legal status which would affect classification.</p> <p>During the review of inmate files and disciplinary records, it was determined that reassessments were not conducted immediately upon any disciplinary action. Reassessments following disciplinary action were conducted anywhere from 10 to 83 days after the disciplinary action was taken</p>
3	277	.4	<p>Personal Hygiene. Inmates held over 48 hours who are unable to supply themselves with personal care items, because of indigency, shall be furnished the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1)toothbrush;(2) toothpaste or toothpowder;(3)soap;(4)comb;(5)shaving implements. <p>Through staff and inmate interviews, it was determined that indigent inmates held over 48 hours were not receiving the required personal care items. It was also determined that complaints received by the commission concerning personal hygiene items for indigent inmates were founded.</p>
4	277	.6	<p>Showers. Each inmate shall be given the opportunity to shower at least every other day or more often if possible. Inmates on work assignments and those making court appearances shall be given an opportunity to shower daily. Inmates should be required to shower at least every other day. Whenever clearly justified for health or sanitary reasons, the sheriff/operator may require a shower.</p> <p>It was determined that inmates housed in the West Tower on suicide watch were not afforded access to the dayroom for at least one hour each day and had not had the opportunity to shower anywhere from 2 to 15 days as a result.</p>
5	291	.2(1)(D)	<p>If requested, indigent inmates shall be furnished paper, pencils, envelopes, and stamps to correspond with their attorney(s) and the courts. Additionally, and upon request, indigent inmates shall be furnished paper, pencils, envelopes, and stamps to post at least 3 letters a week for all other correspondence. Upon request to jail administration and for good cause shown, an inmate may send additional letters to general, legal, or special correspondence using indigent postage. A negative balance may be maintained on the inmate's commissary account for indigent postage and correspondence supplies;</p>

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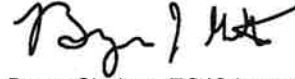
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