



## The Illinois Department of Corrections

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### MACON COUNTY JAIL 2020 INSPECTION REPORT

The Macon County Jail was inspected on February 26, 2020. Entrance and exit interviews were conducted with Jail Superintendent Jamie Belcher and Assistant Jail Superintendent.

#### IMPROVEMENTS SINCE LAST INSPECTION

1. The jail has a new Jail Administrator.
2. Change in Command Structure – No Sworn Sergeants on each shift.
3. RESTORE Program room completed and the program started isolated housing for participants (males only). This is an opioid and alcohol recovery program.
4. New medical observation cameras in cells in Trod 4. New cameras are currently being installed in Trod 6.
5. Camera installed in medication room in Medical Department.
6. Started using new inmate identification wristbands with bar codes.
7. Maximum security inmates now wearing red stripped uniforms.
8. Lowered minimum age to 20 to be an officer. Must turn 21 within the first year of employment.
9. Increased mental health, sexual assault victim, drug and alcohol and anger management group programming.
10. Expanded visitation hours for both on site and remote visits.
11. Brand new transport van/bus in service with 10 – 15 officers trained to drive it.
12. Implemented inmate voting rights while in jail procedure.
13. Installed non-slip flooring in the hallway outside the kitchen.
14. Painted walls in the hallways.
15. Should have ADA compliant shower area in Intake completed by the end of 2020.
16. Oxygen concentrator purchased on 2/25/20.

#### NONCOMPLIANCES WITH *ILLINOIS COUNTY JAIL STANDARDS*

NONE

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