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**Dorchester County Detention Center  
Cambridge, Maryland**

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**COMPLIANCE INSPECTION**  
**of the**  
**DORCHESTER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER**  
Cambridge, Maryland

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## FACILITY OVERVIEW

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Office of Detention Oversight (ODO) attempted to conduct a compliance inspection of the Dorchester County Detention Center (DCDC) in Cambridge, Maryland, from May 24 to 26, 2022.<sup>1</sup> The facility opened in March 1992 and is owned by Dorchester County and operated by Dorchester County Department of Corrections. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at DCDC in November 2020 under the oversight of ERO’s Field Office Director in Baltimore (ERO Baltimore). The facility operates under the National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019.

ERO has assigned deportation officers to the facility. A county director handles daily facility operations and manages [REDACTED] support personnel. Aramark provides food services, Wellpath provides medical care, and Keefe Commissary provides commissary services at the facility. The facility does not hold any accreditations from any outside entities.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity <sup>2</sup>	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population <sup>3</sup>	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of May 9, 2022)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of May 9, 2022)	[REDACTED]

This was ODO’s first-ever scheduled inspection of DCDC.

<sup>1</sup> This facility holds male and female detainees with security classification levels for periods greater than 72 hours.

<sup>2</sup> Data Source: ERO Facility List as of May 9, 2022

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

## COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PROCESS

ODO conducts oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities with an average daily population greater than 10, and where detainees are housed for longer than 72 hours, to assess compliance with ICE national detention standards. These inspections focus solely on facility compliance with detention standards that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being.<sup>4</sup>

ODO identifies violations of ICE detention standards, ICE policies, or operational procedures as “deficiencies.” ODO also highlights instances in which the facility resolves deficiencies prior to completion of the ODO inspection. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with “C” under the *Compliance Inspection Findings* section of this report.

Beginning fiscal year (FY) 2022, ODO will conduct focused reviews of under 72-hour ICE detention facilities with an average daily population (ADP) of one or more detainees and over 72-hour ICE detention facilities with an ADP of one-to-nine detainees. Additionally, ODO will conduct unannounced inspections of ICE detention facilities, regardless of ADP of detainees, as well as reviews of ICE special/emerging detention facilities/programs. As such, these facility inspections will result in an ODO Inspection Compliance Rating. ODO will conduct a complete review of several core standards, in accordance with the facility’s new contractually required ICE National Detention Standards, which include but are not limited to Medical Care/Health Care, Medical Care (Women)/Health Care (Females), Hunger Strikes, Suicide Prevention, Food Service, Environmental Health and Safety, Emergency Plans, Use of Force and Restraints/Use of Physical Control Measures and Restraints, Special Management Units, Educational Policy (FRS only), Behavior Management (FRS only), Admission and Release, Classification, and Funds and Personal Property.

Upon completion of each inspection, ODO conducts a closeout briefing with facility and local ERO officials to discuss preliminary findings. A summary of these findings is shared with ERO management officials. Thereafter, ODO provides ICE leadership with a final compliance inspection report to: (i) assist ERO in developing and initiating corrective action plans; and (ii) provide senior executives with an independent assessment of facility operations. ODO’s findings inform ICE executive management in its decision-making to better allocate resources across the agency’s entire detention inventory.

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<sup>4</sup> ODO reviews the facility’s compliance with selected standards in their entirety.

## CONCLUSION

ODO attempted to conduct an on-site compliance inspection of DCDC; however, on May 20, 2022, DCDC notified ERO Baltimore of its refusal of the scheduled inspection. As a result of the facility refusing the inspection, ODO will mark all line items that would have been inspected deficient and ODO will assign a facility rating of “Failure” to this inspection.

<b>Compliance Inspection Results Compared</b>	<b>FY 2021 (NDS 2019)</b>	<b>FY 2022 (NDS 2019)</b>
Facility Rating	N/A	Failure