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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

BLANCO COUNTY JAIL

June 3, 2026

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued June 3, 2026, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
263.56	Emergency power equipment shall be tested at least once each week and the electric load transferred to the circuits at least monthly. **No load test was conducted for the month of September 2025. In addition, documentation provided revealed that no weekly run test was conducted for the following 10 weeks: September 21-27, 2025; September 28-October 4, 2025; October 5-11, 2025; October 12-18, 2025; October 26-November 1, 2025; November 16-22, 2025; December 7-13, 2025; December 14-20, 2025; May 3-9, 2026; May 10-16, 2026.**	**Upon receipt of this notice.**
265.3	Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes. **5 of 32 checks conducted were in excess of the 30 minute requirement from 5 to 37 minutes.**	**Upon receipt of this notice.**
265.3	Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined. There shall be a two-way voice communication capability between	**Upon receipt of this notice.**

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inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs, and designated staff at all times. Closed circuit television may be used, but not in lieu of the required personal observation. Electronic sensors or cameras capable of recording the required personal observations of inmates in high-risk cells or groups of cells shall be installed no later than August 31, 2020.

55 of 466 checks conducted were in excess of the 60 minute requirement from 10 minutes to 3 hours and 16 minutes.

285.1 Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for inmate physical exercise and physical recreation. Documentation of physical exercise and physical recreation shall be maintained for Commission review. Each inmate shall be allowed one hour of supervised physical exercise or physical recreation at least three days per week.

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Out of 74 instances inmates should have been offered one hour of supervised physical activity or physical recreation at least three days per week, 21 times no offer was made.

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