

COVID-19 Update

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Recent autopsy results show that John Henry Holmes, 64, contracted COVID-19 before his death at a local hospital on Oct. 5.

The autopsy report for Holmes, who was on hospice care for a terminal illness, lists “hospital-acquired” covid as a contributing factor to his death. Holmes, who had most recently been assigned to both Broad River Correctional Institution and Kirkland’s infirmary, tested negative for covid when he was admitted to a local hospital on Sept. 30.

SCDC, with 15,432 inmates, has 19 active inmate coronavirus cases. This is the department’s 56th inmate death associated with COVID-19.

SCDC is working closely with the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control to ensure proper guidelines and protocols are being followed to safely manage our staff and offenders.

Further updates about the agency’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found on our website, www.doc.sc.gov.