

COVID-19 Update

Aug. 21, 2020

10 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of an offender from McCormick Correctional Institution, who died from complications of COVID-19.

Jerry Lee Henderson, 73, who had several underlying medical conditions, died at an outside hospital on Aug. 21 after testing positive for the coronavirus on Aug. 17, when he also was hospitalized.

As of today, 31 offenders and nine staff members at McCormick have tested positive for COVID-19. SCDC, with 16,232 offenders, has had 1,323 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 495 have recovered and 828 are active cases. There are 103 active staff cases. This is the department's 13th inmate death associated with the virus.

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.