

# COVID-19 Update

Aug. 26, 2020

7 p.m.

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

Gary Clifton Hamilton, 63, who had several underlying medical conditions, died at an outside hospital on Aug. 26. He tested positive for the coronavirus on Aug. 10 and was hospitalized on Aug. 11.

As of today, 36 offenders and 12 staff members at McCormick have tested positive for COVID-19. SCDC, with 16,178 offenders, has had 1,477 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 620 have recovered and 857 are active cases. There are 99 active staff cases. This is the department's 14th 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](http://www.doc.sc.gov).