

# COVID-19 Update

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4:30 p.m.

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

Ernest Strong Sr., 77, died at an outside hospital today after being hospitalized since July 27. He tested positive for the coronavirus on July 15.

As of today, 123 offenders and 37 staff members at Perry have tested positive for COVID-19. SCDC, with 16,340 offenders, has had 1,056 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 253 have recovered. There are 109 active staff cases. This is the department's 11th 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).