

COVID-19 Update

Aug. 29, 2020

4:30 p.m.

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

Larry Lee Lewis, 58, died at an outside hospital on Aug. 28. He tested positive for the coronavirus on July 20 and was hospitalized on July 24.

As of today, 421 offenders and 35 staff members at Tyger River have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 133 inmates and 33 staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 16,150 offenders, has had 1,506 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 665 have recovered and 841 are active cases. There are 90 active staff cases. This is the department's 16th 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.