

COVID-19 Update

Sept. 5, 2020

1 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of a terminally ill offender from Kirkland Correctional Institution, who also had contracted COVID-19.

Danny Lee Jenkins, 64, died Friday, Sept. 4, at the infirmary at Kirkland. He tested positive for the coronavirus on Sept. 3 and was treated and released from a local emergency department on Sept. 4.

As of today, 240 offenders and 59 staff members at Kirkland have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 153 offenders and 40 staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 16,080 offenders, has had 1,886 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 866 have recovered and 1,020 are active cases. There are 104 active staff cases. This is the department's 18th 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.