

COVID-19 Update

Sept. 7, 2020

7 p.m.

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

Sam Harold Smith, 78, who had several underlying medical conditions, died Sunday, Sept. 6, at an outside hospital. He tested positive for the coronavirus on Aug. 21 and was hospitalized on Aug. 26.

As of today, 346 offenders and 52 staff members at Broad River have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 17 offenders and 24 staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 16,081 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 19th 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.