

COVID-19 Update

Sept. 18, 2020

4 p.m.

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

Larry Noal Eaton, 79, who had chronic underlying medical conditions, died at an outside hospital on Sept. 18. He tested positive for the coronavirus on Aug. 17 and was hospitalized Sept. 12.

As of today, 43 offenders and 16 staff members at McCormick have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 26 offenders and 6 staff are active cases; 14 offenders and 10 staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 16,237 offenders, has had 2,027 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 1,306 have recovered and 695 are active cases. There are 72 active staff cases. This is the department's 27th 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.