

COVID-19 Update

Sept. 25, 2020

6 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of an offender from Lieber Correctional Institution, who was positive for COVID-19.

George William Hughes, 74, who had several underlying medical conditions, died in palliative care at a local hospital Thursday, Sept. 24. He tested positive for the coronavirus on Sept. 20 and was hospitalized that day.

As of today, 117 offenders and 26 staff members at Lieber have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 17 offenders are active cases; no staff are currently positive; 98 offenders and 26 staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 16,257 offenders, has had 2,148 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 1,483 have recovered and 636 are active cases. There are 56 active staff cases. This is the department's 29th 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.