

COVID-19 Update

March 15, 2021

5:30 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of a 64-year-old offender from Kershaw Correctional Institution from complications of COVID-19.

The man, who had underlying medical conditions, died at a local hospital March 13. He tested positive for the coronavirus Jan. 1 and was hospitalized that day.

As of today, 103 offenders and 36 staff members at Kershaw have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, four offender cases and two staff cases are active. SCDC, with 15,418 offenders, has had 3,217 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 3,064 have recovered and 113 are active cases. There are 30 active staff cases. This is the department's 40th 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.