

COVID-19 Update

March 29, 8 p.m.

On March 29, SCDC received notice from two employees of positive test results for the COVID-19 virus.

One employee is an officer who is not assigned to a specific institution. He last worked outside on the yard at Kirkland Correctional Institution on March 22 and had minimal contact with inmates. Staff members who were in close contact with him have been notified and are self-monitoring.

The second employee works in an agency administrative capacity and has no contact with inmates. Her last day at work was March 19. Employees she works with have been notified, and none are exhibiting symptoms.

These employees will not return to work until a full recovery is documented.

These results bring the total positive staff results to four.

SCDC medical staff assesses any patient who presents with respiratory symptoms. If the patient warrants a test for COVID-19, a test is collected. If the symptoms warrant hospitalization, the inmate will be hospitalized. Thus far, no inmates have tested positive.

SCDC is grateful to DHEC for its advice and collaboration with SCDC's healthcare professionals in this case and throughout the COVID-19 health emergency.

Future updates about COVID-19 will be posted in this spot on our website, www.doc.sc.gov