

COVID-19 Update

May 5, 2020

6 p.m.

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

James Slater, 70, died at an outside hospital this afternoon after being hospitalized since April 30. Slater, who had several underlying medical conditions, tested positive for the coronavirus on April 29.

As of today, 11 offenders and seven staff members at Allendale have tested positive for COVID-19. The institution is on quarantine. SCDC, with about 17,330 offenders, currently has 31 positive offenders systemwide. There are 27 active staff cases.

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.