

COVID-19 Update

Oct. 1, 2021

5 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of a 46-year-old offender from Evans Correctional Institution who was positive for COVID-19.

Jorge Alberto Sanchez died Sept. 25 at the institution. Tests after his death showed he was positive for the coronavirus.

As of today, there are no active inmate cases and one active staff case at Evans. SCDC, with 15,408 offenders, has 39 active inmate cases and 48 active staff cases. This is the department's 44th inmate death associated with the virus.

The COVID-19 vaccine has been offered to all offenders, with 59 percent of inmates choosing to become vaccinated. The vaccine is available at all institutions for anyone who wants to become vaccinated.

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.