COVID-19 Update

March 8, 2021
4 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of a 56-year-old offender from MacDougall Correctional Institution, who was positive for COVID-19.

The man, who had underlying medical conditions, died at a local hospital March 6. He tested positive for the coronavirus Feb. 24 and was hospitalized that day.

As of today, 357 offenders and 37 staff members at MacDougall have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 35 offender cases and two staff cases are active. SCDC, with 15,382 offenders, has had 3,170 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 3,003 have recovered and 129 are active cases. There are 44 active staff cases. This is the department's 39th 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.