

COVID-19 Update

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4:30 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of a 55-year-old offender from Lee Correctional Institution from complications of COVID-19.

The man, who had underlying medical conditions, died at a local hospital April 17. He was hospitalized for other issues on April 3 and tested positive for the coronavirus April 6.

As of today, there are no active inmate cases at Lee and two active staff cases. So far, 73 offenders and 52 staff members at Lee have tested positive for COVID-19. SCDC, with 15,374 offenders, has had 3,247 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 3,191 have recovered and 15 are active cases. There are 24 active staff cases. This is the department's 41st 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.