

# COVID-19 Update

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7 p.m.

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

Gerald Jerome Jeter, 64, who had chronic health conditions, died in local hospital last night. He tested positive for the coronavirus on Sept. 21 and was hospitalized Sept. 29. He tested negative for COVID-19 on Oct. 29 but remained hospitalized with complications of his illnesses.

As of today, 80 offenders and seven staff members at Goodman have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, one staff case and 23 offender cases are active; 56 offenders and six staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 15,984 offenders, has had 2,409 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 2,178 have recovered and 199 are active cases. There are 36 active staff cases. This is the department's 32nd 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](http://www.doc.sc.gov).