

COVID-19 Update

July 6, 2020

6 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of a terminally ill offender from Kirkland Correctional Institution, who also had contracted COVID-19.

Mark Lee Trammell, 60, died at an outside hospital today after being hospitalized since July 2, when he also tested positive for the coronavirus.

As of today, 61 offenders and 25 staff members at Kirkland have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 41 offenders and nine staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 16,850 offenders, has had 322 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 105 have recovered and 217 are active cases. There are 64 active staff cases. This is the department's fourth 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.