

COVID-19 Update

March 5, 2021

4 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of a 59-year-old offender from Kirkland Correctional Institution, who was positive for COVID-19.

The man, who had underlying medical conditions, died at the institution March 3. He tested positive for the coronavirus that day.

As of today, 526 offenders and 123 staff members at Kirkland have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 23 offender cases and three staff cases are active. SCDC, with 15,521 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 38th 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.