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COLUMBIA, S.C. – An inmate at Lee Correctional Institution died at the institution today.

Stephen Ross Kelly, 29, was found dead in his cell this morning. Kelly was being treated for COVID-19 since Feb. 7. The SCDC Office of Investigations and Intelligence is investigating the death. An autopsy will be performed.

SCDC, with 15,276 inmates, has 496 active inmate coronavirus cases and 78 active staff cases.

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.