

COVID-19 Update

Sept. 13, 2020

2 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of an offender from Broad River Correctional Institution, who was positive for COVID-19.

Walter Jackson, 78, who was terminally ill, died at a local hospital Friday, Sept. 11. He tested positive for the coronavirus on Sept. 1 and was hospitalized that day.

As of today, 360 offenders and 57 staff members at Broad River have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 333 offenders and 31 staff are active cases; 21 offenders and 26 staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 16,211 offenders, has had 1,993 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 1,176 have recovered and 795 are active cases. There are 86 active staff cases. This is the department's 22nd 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.