

COVID-19 Update

Sept. 16, 2020

2 p.m.

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

Ernesto Alanso, 48, a terminally ill inmate in palliative care, died at an outside hospital Wednesday, Sept. 16. He tested positive for the coronavirus on Sept. 1 and was hospitalized that day.

As of today, 362 offenders and 59 staff members at Broad River have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 333 offenders and 30 staff are active cases; 22 offenders and 29 staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 16,210 offenders, has had 2,010 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 1,277 have recovered and 708 are active cases. There are 78 active staff cases. This is the department's 25th 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.