

# COVID-19 Update

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3 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of an offender from Evans Correctional Institution, who tested positive for COVID-19 after his death.

Willie Lee Baxley, 76, who had no known coronavirus symptoms, died at the institution Nov. 30. He was tested after his death, and an autopsy is being performed.

As of today, 45 offenders and 23 staff members at Evans have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, one offender case and two staff cases are active. SCDC, with 15,726 offenders, has had 2,414 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 2,218 have recovered and 164 are active cases. There are 34 active staff cases. This is the department's 33rd 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](http://www.doc.sc.gov).