

COVID-19 Update

Sept. 3, 2020

6:30 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of an offender from Broad River Correctional Institution, who died from complications of COVID-19.

Wayne Curtis Fricks, 70, who had several underlying medical conditions, died at an outside hospital on Sept. 3. He tested positive for the coronavirus on Aug. 21 and was hospitalized that day.

As of today, 340 offenders and 48 staff members at Broad River have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 16 inmates and 24 staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 15,932 offenders, has had 1,827 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 715 have recovered and 1,112 are active cases. There are 107 active staff cases. This is the department's 17th 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.