

COVID-19 Update

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4:30 p.m.

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

Bobby Joe Lewis, 67, who had underlying medical conditions, died at a local hospital Sunday. He tested positive for the coronavirus Nov. 28 and was hospitalized that day.

As of today, 76 offenders and 32 staff members at Evans have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 30 offender cases and 10 staff cases are active. SCDC, with 15,863 offenders, has had 2,451 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 2,299 have recovered and 118 are active cases. There are 65 active staff cases. This is the department's 34th 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.