

COVID-19 Update

Aug. 16, 2021

1 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of a 60-year-old offender from McCormick Correctional Institution who was positive for COVID-19.

Chauncy E. Orr died Aug. 13 at a local hospital. He was hospitalized for other health reasons on Aug. 7 and tested positive for the coronavirus that day.

As of today, there are no active inmate or staff cases at McCormick. SCDC, with 15,244 offenders, has 120 active inmate cases and 62 active staff cases. This is the department's 43rd inmate death associated with the virus.

The COVID-19 vaccine has been offered to all offenders and is available at all institutions for anyone who wants to become vaccinated.

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.