

COVID-19 Update

Sept. 13, 2020

9 p.m.

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

Darrell N. Mitchell, 71, who had several underlying medical conditions, died at a local hospital today. He tested positive for the coronavirus and was hospitalized Aug. 13.

As of today, 43 offenders and 15 staff members at McCormick have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 32 offenders and 6 staff are active cases; 9 offenders and 9 staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 16,211 offenders, has had 1,993 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 1,176 have recovered and 795 are active cases. There are 86 active staff cases. This is the department's 23rd 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.