

# COVID-19 Update

Sept. 25, 2020

8 p.m.

SCDC announced the death today of a terminally ill offender from Perry Correctional Institution, who was positive for COVID-19.

Elson McKanic Jr., 71, who had several underlying medical conditions, died in local hospital today. He tested positive for the coronavirus on Sept. 8 and was hospitalized Sept. 14.

As of today, 134 offenders and 50 staff members at Perry have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, four offenders and two staff cases are active; 128 offenders and 48 staff members have recovered. SCDC, with 16,257 offenders, has had 2,148 offenders test positive for the coronavirus systemwide. Of those, 1,483 have recovered and 636 are active cases. There are 56 active staff cases. This is the department's 30th 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).