

# COVID-19 Update

Feb. 15, 2022

1 p.m.

SCDC announced the deaths today of four inmates who were positive for COVID-19.

Audie Brabham, 76, died Feb. 13 at a local hospital. Brabham, who was assigned to Turbeville CI, had multiple underlying medical conditions. He tested positive on Jan. 25 and was hospitalized on Feb. 6.

Jeffrey Cornelious Gaffney, 62, died Feb. 5 at a local hospital. He was terminally ill and had been hospitalized since Jan. 21. He tested positive for the coronavirus on Jan. 29.

Robert M. Sibilia, 64, who had underlying medical conditions, got sick at Allendale CI on Jan. 9 and died at a local hospital later that day. An autopsy report showed that he tested positive for the coronavirus after his death.

Howard Renard Smalley, 60, who had underlying medical conditions, died Dec. 20, 2021, at Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center. An autopsy after death showed he was infected with the coronavirus.

SCDC, with 15,276 inmates, has 508 active inmate coronavirus cases and 61 active staff cases. This brings the total number of covid-related inmate deaths to 65.

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).