

COVID-19 Update

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1 p.m.

SCDC announced the deaths today of two offenders from complications of COVID-19, both of whom had underlying medical conditions.

Johnnie Huggins, 57, tested positive for the coronavirus on Jan. 16 at Ridgeland CI. He was hospitalized Jan. 20 and died Jan. 29.

Kentrell Jefferson, 43, tested positive at Broad River CI on Dec. 29. He was moved to the SCDC treatment unit at Kirkland on Jan. 1 and hospitalized on Jan. 7. He died Jan. 31.

SCDC, with 15,342 inmates, has 811 active inmate coronavirus cases and 129 active staff cases. These are the department's 59th and 60th inmate deaths associated with COVID-19.

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.