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Hutchinson Correctional Facility Resident Death

TOPEKA, Kansas – A Hutchinson Correctional Facility resident who died Friday, Dec. 18 had tested positive for COVID-19. This is the third COVID-19 related resident death at HCF, and the twelfth resident death related to COVID-19 for the Kansas Department of Corrections.

The resident tested positive for the virus on Oct. 23 and was transferred to the hospital on Nov. 23. He was a 62-year old white male with underlying medical concerns that contributed to his condition.

The resident was serving a 154-month sentence for convictions of aggravated indecent liberties with a child. He had been imprisoned with the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) since March 2013.

The Hutchinson Correctional Facility is Kansas' second-oldest prison and houses 1,884 men. Formerly known as the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, the facility has three buildings including the Central (all custody levels), East (low-medium custody) and South (minimum) units.

For current information on COVID-19 in Kansas, and to sign up for updates, go to the KDHE COVID-19 Resource Center at <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/coronavirus>. For information on the KDOC's response to COVID-19, visit <https://www.doc.ks.gov/kdoc-coronavirus-updates>.

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