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**El Dorado Correctional Facility Resident Death**

TOPEKA, Kansas – An El Dorado Correctional Facility (EDCF) resident who died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 had tested positive for COVID-19. This is the second COVID-19 related resident death at EDCF, and the 14th resident death related to COVID-19 for the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC).

The resident tested positive for the virus on Dec. 26, 2020, and was transferred to the hospital on Jan. 11, 2021. He was a 60-year old white male.

The resident was serving a 25-years to life sentence for first degree murder. He had been imprisoned with KDOC since May 1999.

The 1,955 bed El Dorado Correctional Facility opened in 1991 and was expanded in 1995 and 2001. The facility is designed for maximum- and medium-custody residents and to serve as the Reception and Diagnostic Unit (RDU) for all adult males sentenced to KDOC. In RDU, residents receive orientation and are assigned to a custody classification, appropriate programs and a permanent housing assignment.

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.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/> For information on the KDOC's response to COVID-19, visit <https://www.doc.ks.gov/kdoc-coronavirus-updates>.

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