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Utah Corrections Reports the Death of COVID-19 Positive Incarcerated Individual

It is with great sadness the Utah Department of Corrections reports the death of an 82-year-old incarcerated individual who was also COVID-19 positive.

The incarcerated individual had several complicating comorbidities that likely contributed to his death. Cause of death will be determined by the medical examiner.

The individual was found deceased in his housing section in the Oquirrh 5 facility at the Utah State Prison in Draper on the morning of November 4. Although the incarcerated individual had tested positive on October 30, he had reported no symptoms up until the time of death.

The Department's medical staff continue to heavily monitor incarcerated individuals in outbreak areas with great emphasis on the Oquirrh 5 facility where the prison's most medically vulnerable incarcerated individuals reside.

The family of the incarcerated individual has been notified.

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Utah Department of Corrections

Mission Statement: Our dedicated team of professionals ensures public safety by effectively managing offenders while maintaining close collaboration with partner agencies and the community. Our team is devoted to providing maximum opportunities for offenders to make lasting changes through accountability, treatment, education, and positive reinforcement within a safe environment.