UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS 219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

CHAMBERS OF REBECCA R PALLMEYER CHIEF JUDGE 312-435-5600

April 28, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

This afternoon, I have learned of another employee/contractor in the Dirksen Courthouse who has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was in the Dirksen Courthouse yesterday (04/28) on the 12th floor.

We understand this individual was on no other floors of the buildings, wore a face covering for the entire time, and maintained appropriate distancing while in the Courthouse. We are notifying persons who had direct contact with this individual, and the General Services Administration will promptly clean the impacted areas.

While we received some good news yesterday from the <u>CDC</u> concerning outdoor activities for fully vaccinated individuals, the indoor guidelines remain the same for everyone: masks, social distancing, and frequent handwashing. Please remember to take your weekly/semi-weekly SHIELD test and review the results promptly.

As a reminder, everyone who is 16 years of age or older is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. To find your nearest vaccination location click here or call (833) 621-1284 to schedule an appointment near you. For yourself and for your loved ones, do get a vaccine as soon as you can and adhere to the safety protocols even after you have been vaccinated.

Thanks again for your dedicated efforts. We will push on and do our best to stay safe and healthy.

Yours truly,

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

Chief Judge

Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee