## 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

May 25, 2021

## Dear Dirksen Courthouse Occupants:

We recently learned that two individuals who were in the Dirksen Courthouse yesterday, Monday, May 24, 2021, tested positive for COVID-19:

- an employee/contractor who accessed the 25th floor; and
- a visitor who accessed the 1st and 2nd floors.

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

Please remember that even if you are fully vaccinated, you should continue to adhere to the CDC's guidelines of wearing a mask, social distancing, and frequent handwashing. And even if you are fully vaccinated, you do need to continue to take your weekly/semi-weekly SHIELD test and review the results promptly.

As you know, <u>locations</u> throughout the State are administering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to kids ages 12-15. Everyone who is 16 years of age or older is eligible to receive any one of the three COVID-19 vaccines available and can find their nearest vaccination location by clicking <u>here</u> or calling (833) 621-1284 to schedule an appointment.

As we continue to enjoy the spring, please do your best to stay safe and healthy. Activities are resuming as more of us are vaccinated, but we need to keep our eyes on safety. Thanks again for your dedicated efforts.

Yours truly,

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

Chief Judge

Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee