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

June 2, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

We recently learned that a contractor, last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Thursday, May 27, tested positive for COVID-19. We understand this individual was in the basement and on the 11th floor, 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.

Please remember 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 I said in my email of earlier today, this will not last forever! For now, we need to hold on, stay the course, and do our best to stay healthy. Thanks again for your dedicated efforts.

Yours truly,

Rebecca R. Pallmever

Chief Judge

Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee