

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

July 15, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

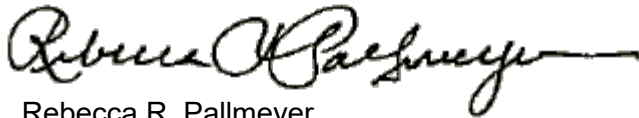
I was hopeful the letter I sent out six weeks ago, advising you of a COVID-positive test in the Dirksen Courthouse, would be the last. Unfortunately, we learned that an employee/contractor, last on the 14th floor this week, tested positive for COVID-19. We are notifying persons who had direct contact with this individual, and the General Services Administration will promptly clean the impacted areas.

Please continue to adhere to the Court's mask guidelines of wearing a mask in public settings and the CDC's [guidelines](#) for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. And, even if vaccinated, remember to continue to take your weekly/semi-weekly SHIELD test and review the results promptly.

If you have not yet been vaccinated, please note that the vaccinations are the very best available line of defense against this virus. The vaccine not only protects you and persons you are in contact with; it also protects the community by helping to stop further spread and mutation of the virus. Delta is upon us; we don't want Epsilon! Right now, [locations](#) 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 [here](#) or calling (833) 621-1284 to schedule an appointment.

As we continue to enjoy the summer, 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