

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

CHAMBERS OF  
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER  
CHIEF JUDGE

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November 13, 2020

Dear Dirksen Courthouse Occupants:

On a day that the State of Illinois has set another record number of COVID-19 positive test results, I am writing to inform you of three individuals that have tested positive in the Dirksen Courthouse. Today, I learned of three Court Security Officers (CSOs) who have recently been at the Dirksen Courthouse and later tested positive for COVID-19. The individuals wore face coverings during the entire time they were in the building, and the General Services Administration already ensured that the areas visited have been properly cleaned.

Here is a summary of the incidents that I am currently aware of:

- A Court Security Officer (CSO) who was last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. The CSO was assigned to duties on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Courthouse.
- Two CSOs who were last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Both CSOs were assigned to the public screening station in the lobby of the Courthouse.

I know all of you understand that you should continue to monitor yourselves for symptoms associated with COVID-19, and should contact your healthcare provider with any questions about symptoms or your own health. Please remain vigilant in your efforts to stay safe, wear your face covering above your nose and cover your mouth, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

Today, I entered the [Eighth Amended General Order 20-0012](#). This order should have the effect of significantly diminishing the number of individuals in the Courthouses of the Northern District of Illinois. As the Chief Judge, my number one priority is your safety and the safety of everyone who enters the Courthouse doors. I hope that the measures we are taking will promote those goals.

Yours truly,



Rebecca R. Pallmeyer  
Chief Judge  
Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee