

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

November 2, 2020

Dear Dirksen Courthouse Occupants and Probation Office Employees:

Earlier today, I learned about four individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend. The most recent date that any of the three were in the building is October 29, 2020, and we believe all four wore face coverings the entire time they were in the Courthouse:

- an employee who works on the 15th floor, last in the building on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, who reportedly did not visit any other floor.
- an employee who works on the 13th floor, last here on Monday, October 26, 2020, who did not visit any other floor.
- an employee who works on the 15th floor, last in the Courthouse on Monday, October 26. We understand this employee also had brief contact with employees in the Probation Office on the 34th floor of the Kluczynski Federal Building.
- a visitor to the Courthouse on Thursday, October 29, 2020 who visited areas in the lobby, fourth and ninth floors.

Individuals who had contact with these employees have already been contacted. We have again notified the General Services Administration and will ensure that the areas visited will be properly cleaned using appropriate protocols. You should continue to monitor yourselves for symptoms, and contact your own healthcare provider any questions about the virus or your own health.

As COVID numbers rise in the Northern District of Illinois, we will remain vigilant and take necessary measures to maintain a safe workplace. I know you understand that all of us have a responsibility, to one another and to the public, to exercise care. News reports suggest that new infections are the result of social gatherings that are being moved indoors as the weather gets colder. Please do continue to maintain physical distancing efforts, wash hands often, and wear a mask over nose and mouth, here in the Courthouse and in all of your social interactions. Thank you for your efforts.

Yours truly,



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