

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

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## Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

I have learned of three persons, recently in the Dirksen Courthouse and the JCK Building, who have tested positive for COVID-19.

- The first individual was last in the JCK building on Monday, December 13, 2021 and sat in the northwest corner of the office on the 34th floor.
- The second individual was in the Dirksen Courthouse over the past week on the 26th floor, the 27th floor mail room, the 27th floor copy room (#2702), and the cafeteria on the second floor. The individual also used the public elevators.
- The third individual was in the Dirksen Courthouse yesterday and was on the second and fourth floors of the Courthouse.

We understand that each of these persons wore a face covering and maintained appropriate distancing while in the buildings. Other persons who had direct contact with these individuals have been notified, and the General Services Administration will clean the impacted areas.

I do not enjoy sending these letters any more than you enjoy getting them. I have a responsibility to be transparent about what happens in the court. And all of us have a responsibility to ourselves and to one another to exercise caution—face masks, social distancing, frequent hand washing, vaccines and boosters. Please do your best in this holiday season to stay healthy and to protect yourself and others.

Yours truly,

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer Chief District Judge

Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee

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