



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

**CHAMBERS OF
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER**

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Dear Courthouse Occupants:

One individual who was last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Wednesday, April 20, has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was on the 27th floor only, and was unmasked for more than an hour. Other individuals who had contact with the person have been notified, and GSA will the relevant spaces.

I do know that regulations about masking are in flux, and not all experts agree about how effective they are. For now, though, please do remember that we expect people in any public setting in this courthouse to wear a mask over their nose and mouth unless there is specific and limited reason that it must be removed. The social distancing and hand-washing protocols remain in place, as well. And for everyone, the best protection against infection and public spread of the virus is vaccination. I thank you all for adhering to the guidelines even when it becomes a chore.

Best wishes for good health and a great weekend.

Yours truly,

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