



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

**CHAMBERS OF
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER**

312-435-5600

May 19, 2022

Dear Courthouse Occupants:

Three individuals who were recently in the Dirksen Courthouse have tested positive for COVID-19. The first individual who last in the Dirksen Courthouse on May 17, 2022 and was on the 1st and 27th floors. The second individual who last in the Dirksen Courthouse on May 18, 2022 and was on the 11th and 24th floors. The third person was last in the building on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, and only on the 27th floor. All three individuals were masked when in contact with other persons. Persons who had contact with these individuals have been notified, as has GSA. GSA will clean the relevant spaces.

Thanks, everyone, for keeping us informed. Thanks, too, for cooperating with the protocols we have in place. We are all tired of wearing masks. I'd like to see more smiling faces! But we need to remain cautious for a while longer. As you know, the PCR test available for no charge in our lobby is very sensitive. You could test positive even without symptoms, but early detection of an infection helps to protect everyone. I'm hoping that the spike we are seeing now will be short-lived.

Best wishes to all of us.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca R. Pallmeyer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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