



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
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**CHAMBERS OF
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Dear Courthouse Occupants:

I'm sorry to report a bump-up in our COVID reporting numbers. In the last day, we have received reports of eight persons who have been in the building recently and have tested positive for COVID-19. Five of these individuals were last here on July 18, one in the sub-basement and basement levels, as well as floors 11, 25, 26, and 26; one on floor 14; one on floors 3 and 16; and two more on 21. Three other individuals who have tested positive were at Dirksen yesterday, one on floors 2 and 19, one on 16 and 26, and another on the 8th floor. We understand that these individuals adhered to the masking and social distance requirements. Individuals who had contact with them have been notified, as has GSA.

A report like this does not make anyone smile. It is an honor to me that our court staff is continuing to get the work done despite the disruption. Nearly all of those we have heard from report that their symptoms are mild. If you test positive, and you feel well enough to continue working remotely, that's great. But if you do feel ill, you should take some time off to recover. This is what sick leave is for! From time to time I get questions about the court's quarantine policy. As a reminder, I'm attaching it to this letter.

I know you are doing your best to exercise caution with respect to your health and that of others. Thank you for this. Best wishes.

Yours truly,

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