

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

January 25, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse Occupants:

I have news for you about another employee in Dirksen Courthouse who has tested positive for COVID-19. This employee is assigned to work on the 15th floor and was last in the Courthouse on January 15th.

We understand this individual "played by the rules" while in the building: that is, the individual wore a face covering and maintained appropriate social distancing the entire time he/she was here. Individuals who had direct contact with this employee have been notified, and the General Services Administration has already cleaned the impacted areas.

I realize that these letters are never welcome. There is light at the end of the coronavirus tunnel, but the tunnel is a long one, and we need to continue to be vigilant. I know that you know the drill. You should continue to monitor yourselves for symptoms associated with COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider with any questions about symptoms or specific questions, and of course: Stay at least six feet from others. Wash your hands often. Wear a mask over your nose and mouth, here in the Courthouse and in all social interactions.

I know you are all doing your best. Please keep it up.

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 Judge  
Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee