

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

March 24, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse and Roszkowski Courthouse Occupants:

Today I have learned of two courthouse visitors who have recently tested positive for COVID-19:

- the first individual visited the Roszkowski Courthouse on Monday, March 22, 2021, and accessed the atrium of the courthouse and the probation office area; and
- the second individual visited the Dirksen Courthouse on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 and accessed the 24th floor.

Based on our brief investigation, we believe these individuals were on no other floors of the buildings, wore a face covering for the entire time they were in the buildings, and maintained appropriate distancing while in the Courthouses. Individuals who had direct contact with these individuals will be notified, and the General Services Administration have been notified to clean the impacted areas.

The vaccine news has been very encouraging, and our SHIELD testing program enables us to make an early identification of any persons who are positive for COVID-19 well before they may have any symptoms. That's the good news. The bad news is that COVID metrics in both Chicago and Illinois are starting to rise again. This pandemic is not over, and it may take several more months before we can breathe easy. Please stay the course: Mask up-over your nose and mouth. Stay six feet away from others. Wash your hands often. Please be vigilant about taking the SHIELD test; it is for your benefit but also to protect everyone who uses this building. Get a vaccine as soon as you can, but adhere to the safety protocols even after you have been vaccinated.

Thanks, as always, for being part of the team. We will get through this!

Yours truly,



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