

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

April 1, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse and Kluczynski Federal Building Occupants:

This afternoon, I have learned of another employee/contractor in the Dirksen Courthouse and Kluczynski Federal Building who has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was in the Dirksen Courthouse yesterday (03/31) and in the Kluczynski Federal Building this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and this morning (03/30 – 04/01). This individual was on the 34th floor of the Kluczynski Federal Building and the 2nd floor of the Dirksen Courthouse.

We understand this individual wore a face covering and maintained appropriate distancing while in the Courthouse. Individuals who had direct contact with this contractor/employee will be notified, and the General Services Administration have been notified to clean the impacted areas.

We remain encouraged by the vaccine news, and we know the SHIELD testing program, while it doesn't eliminate risk, certainly mitigates it. But please remember that we all need to continue our efforts. 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 and reviewing the results promptly. The testing is not only 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.

Thank you all for the good work you are doing. Please do stay the course. I want everyone safe and healthy.

Yours truly,



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