

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 6, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse Occupants:

This afternoon, we have learned of an employee/contractor who was last in the Dirksen Courthouse on March 29, March 30, April 1, and April 5, 2021 and received positive test results for the COVID-19 virus today. The employee/contractor was on the 5th and 9th floors on March 29 and April 5, and on the 9th floor on the remaining days.

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.

I know you understand the value of learning about positive test results as early as possible. We are making progress in the fight against COVID-19, but as you know, the positivity rate continues to increase here, and we need to continue our efforts. 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. Mask up--over your nose and mouth. Stay six feet away from others. Wash your hands often. Get a vaccine as soon as you can and adhere to the safety protocols even after you have been vaccinated.

Thanks again for your dedicated efforts. We will push on and do our best to stay safe and healthy.

Yours truly,



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