

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

May 4, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

We recently learned that an employee/contractor, last in the Dirksen Courthouse yesterday (May 3) has tested positive for COVID-19. We understand this individual was on the 20th floor, but on no other floors of the buildings, wore a face covering for the entire time, and maintained appropriate distancing while in the Courthouse. We are notifying persons who had direct contact with this individual, and the General Services Administration will promptly clean the impacted areas.

As you may have heard, Mayor Lightfoot announced this morning that she expects to fully reopen the City of Chicago by July 4, if there is continued progress in Chicago's COVID-19 numbers. We can help to make this happen: even if you are fully vaccinated, please continue to adhere to the CDC's guidelines of wearing a mask, social distancing, and frequent handwashing. And even if you are fully vaccinated, you do need to continue to take your weekly/semi-weekly SHIELD test and review the results promptly.

As of now, everyone who is 16 years of age or older is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. To find your nearest vaccination location click [here](#) or call (833) 621-1284 to schedule an appointment near you.

Thanks again for your dedicated efforts. We will push on and do our best to stay safe and healthy, helping to keep our city on track for a July 4 reopening.

Yours truly,



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