

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 12, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

We recently learned that an employee/contractor, last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Friday, May 7, tested positive for COVID-19. We understand this individual was on the 23rd 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.

Please remember that even if you are fully vaccinated, you should 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.

Beginning tomorrow, [locations](#) throughout the State will begin administering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to kids ages 12-15. Everyone who is 16 years of age or older is eligible to receive any one of the three COVID-19 vaccines available and can find their nearest vaccination location by clicking [here](#) or calling (833) 621-1284 to schedule an appointment.

As we look forward to entering the "[Bridge Phase](#)" at the end of this week, please do your best to stay safe and healthy, helping to keep our city on track for a July 4 reopening. Thanks again for your dedicated efforts.

Yours truly,



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