



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604**

**CHAMBERS OF
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER**

312-435-5600

January 24, 2022

Dear Courthouse Occupants:

Four individuals who were recently in our Dirksen Courthouse have tested positive for COVID-19:

One of these individuals was on the third and fifth floors of the Courthouse on January 18 and January 20, 2021.

The other three were in the Courthouse on Friday, January 21 – one on the 23rd floor, one on the 24th floor, and one on the 25th floor.

These individuals adhered to the masking and social distance requirements. Persons who had contact with them have been notified, and GSA has taken steps to clean the spaces.

We have reason to hope that there is light at the end of this tunnel, but it's a long tunnel. And until the light is much brighter, I intend to continue pushing everyone to get vaccinated, get a booster if you haven't already done so, and, as always, wear a mask, wash your hands, and keep your distance. If you have symptoms, please consider your own safety and that of others, and get a test. And if you have no symptoms at all but want peace of mind, please take advantage of the free COVID-19 tests being offered in our lobby from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each weekday. You'll get your results in 24 to 48 hours.

Best wishes as we return to activity in the Courthouse.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca R. Pallmeyer", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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