

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

November 1, 2021

Dear friends in the Western Division:

Today I have learned that a visitor, last in the Rockford Courthouse on October 26, 2021, has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was on the 1st floor of 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 a reminder: Most of us are vaccinated and have good protection against the virus. It is possible though, as you know, for persons who are vaccinated to nevertheless test positive and to become ill with COVID-19. The best information we have is that such an infection usually results from contact with an unvaccinated person. So please do stick with the program, adhering to the requirements of masks, social-distancing, and handwashing. And I again urge those of you who are not yet vaccinated to take that step, not only to protect yourself, but out of courtesy to those with whom you may come into contact.

Yours truly,

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

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